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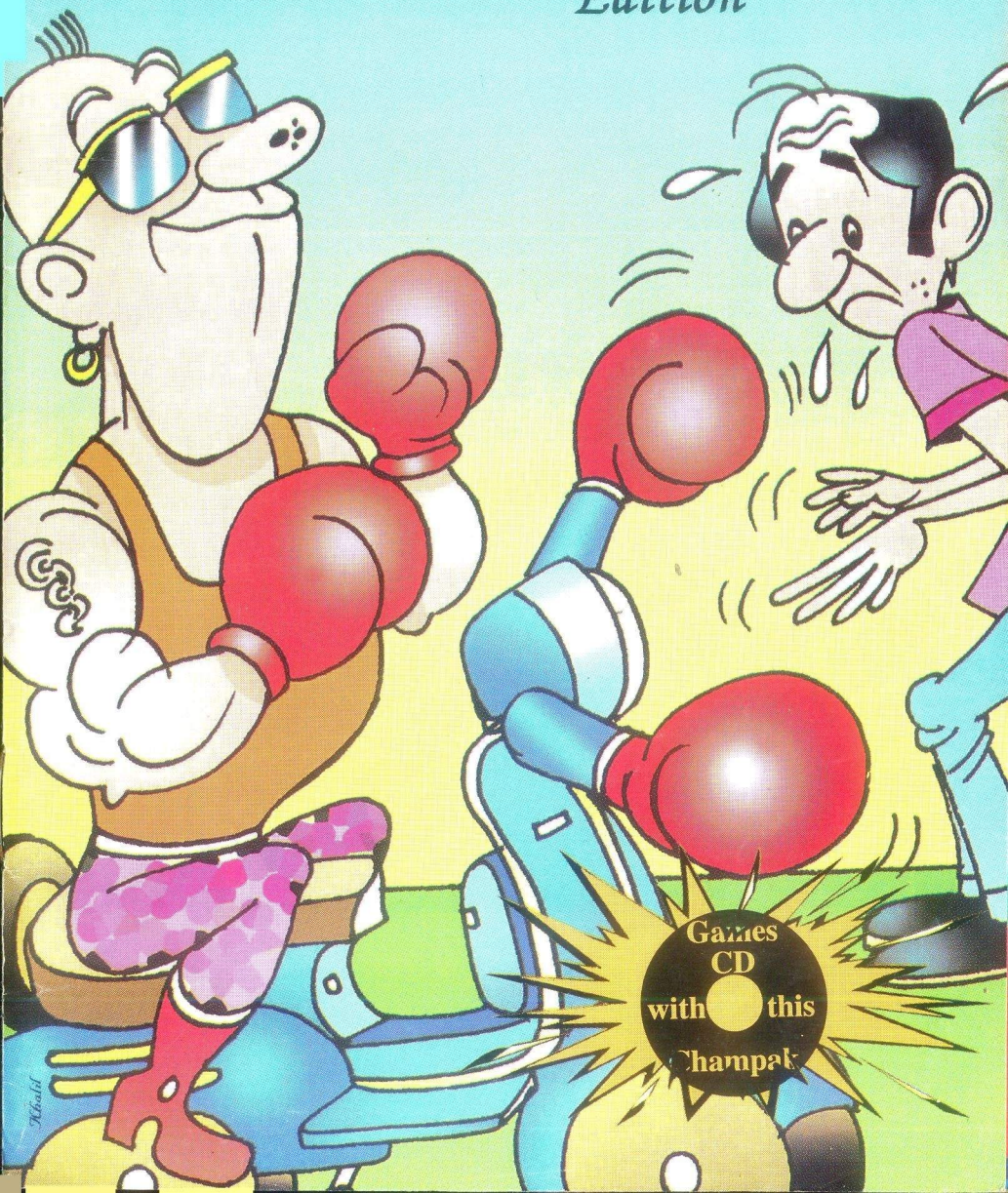

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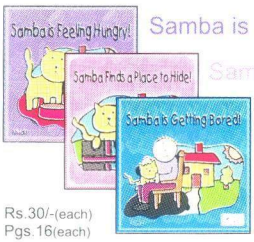

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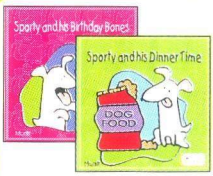

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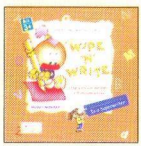

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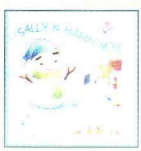

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Charlie And Chaplin

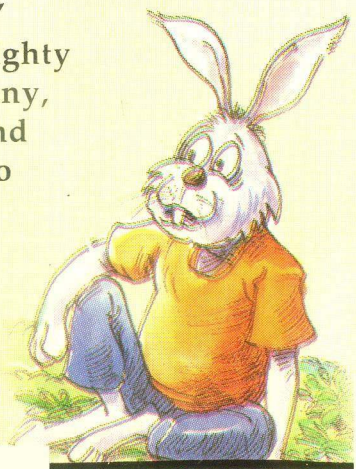
by Awdhesh Kumar Jha

FEW WILD dogs had come to Funnyvan. The animals lodged a formal complaint with King Righty. The king convened a urgent meeting.

Righty said, "Some wild dogs have been seen in the jungle. Who all are ready to keep an eye on the wild dogs?"

Everybody was quiet. Righty said to Jenny Cheetah, "Jenny, you are the bravest of all and you run the fastest as well, so why don't you ..."

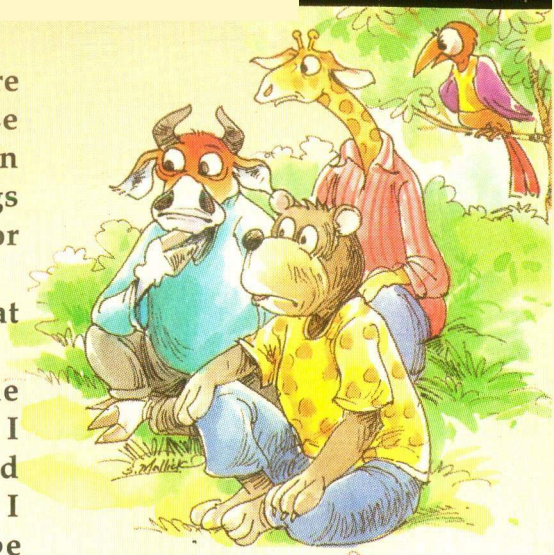
"Your Honour, please pardon me," Jenny interrupted in between and



said, "My children are not keeping well these days. So keeping an eye on the wild dogs would be difficult for me."

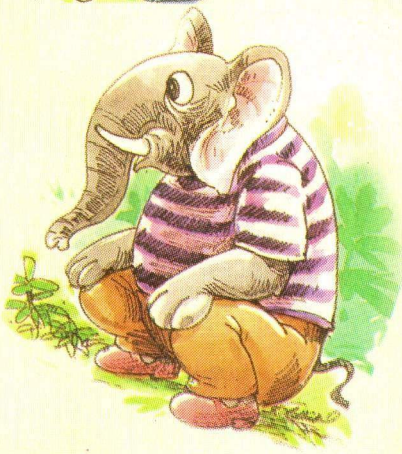
The king looked at Fatty Elephant.

Fatty became scared. He said, "Sir, I slipped last night and have hurt my leg. So I may please be excused."



Thus one by one all the animals made all sorts of excuses and nobody volunteered for the common cause. Righty was perplexed.

'Is there nobody in Funnyvan who is brave enough to face the challenge in the common interest of all?' thought the king.



"Your Honour, I am ready," somebody said in the meeting.

"Me too sir," came some other voice.

Righty looked everywhere but he did not see anybody.

"Who are you

brave fellows? Where are you? Show up yourselves."

"We are here, sir." Suddenly, 2 small mice emerged. Their name was Charlie and Chaplin. Everybody present in the meeting started laughing loudly.

The king snubbed everybody. Charlie and Chaplin were given watch and ward duty. By the fall of the evening, both of them sat on the tree.

Chaplin said, "We have taken the extra initiative to be brave, but these wild dogs are very dangerous."

"Do not get scared. We have a gun which makes loud sound," said Charlie as he pointed towards the gun tied to the branch of the tree.

"But this gun is too heavy for us. We ever don't know how to operate the gun," Chaplin was scared.

Suddenly, there were some sounds in the bushes.

"Looks as if the dogs have come," whispered Chaplin.

Two wild dogs were chatting and walking in

their direction. "Today we will hunt an animal at any cost," said one of the dogs.

Chaplin slipped out of fear. He swung with gun and the trigger went off.

"Bang...," there was a loud sound.

The dogs were shivering like a dried leaf due to loud gunshot. They looked up and found something hanging over their head.

"Who are you, sir?" pleaded one of the dogs scaringly.

"We are your enemy," shouted Charlie.

"But you also have gun on you, please forgive us," the other dog fell on his knees and made a request.

"You can be pardoned provided you are never to be seen again in this jungle," Chaplin said as he gathered courage.

Righty also joined the mice along with some other animals. The wild dogs were arrested.

The king patted Charlie and Chaplin on their back and said, "You guys have proved that one has to brave through the brains and not through the body."

The king gave away a lot of prizes to honour the brave mice. ●

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VARUN WAS quite happy go lucky by nature. He had a squint eye. His classmates often ridiculed him as squint-eyed. Thus he got his name `Squinty'.

Varun was depressed because of his nickname. He had no other option but to swallow the insult.

But the best about him was that he was extremely brave. He always excelled to the top in the games.

It was a hot summer afternoon. Hot wind was blowing outside. The teacher had the classroom door closed to ward off hot winds.

Brave Varun

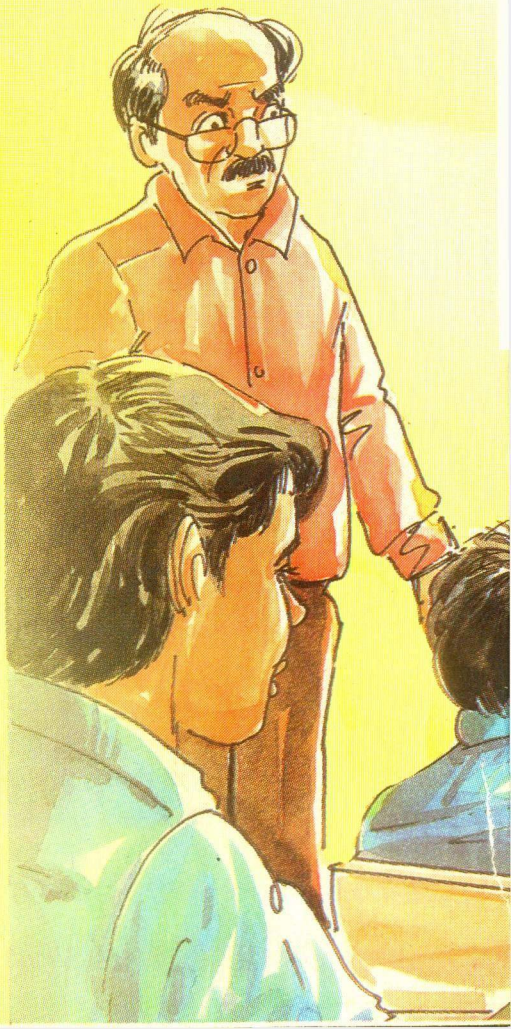
by Aarti Khubalker

The teacher was explaining a maths problem to his students.

Suddenly, a deadly snake passed through the feet of one of the students.

The student shouted loudly, "Snake...snake."

All the students pulled up their legs; even the teacher was



glued to his chair out of fear. The door was also closed. Everybody feared to open the door as they were too scare.

Varun was not at all scared. He scanned the room and found 2 wooden sticks near a broken wooden desk. He climbed the desk and first opened the door. He saw the snake coiled up in one of the corners of his classroom.

Varun killed the snake by crushing his hood with the help of the 2 wooden sticks. He then threw the dead snake out of his classroom. The entire class was watching Varun in action.

Varun said to his teacher, "Now there is no need to feel scared of the snake."

His teacher felt very ashamed. He composed himself and patted Varun on his back.

All his classmates were delighted and started shouting, "Varun has killed the snake."

Varun was also pleased on being applauded by his classmates. Now his classmates started calling him by his name instead of his nickname.

Maybe all of them had realised that one should be evaluated on the basis of his positive traits rather than by his physical shortcomings. ●

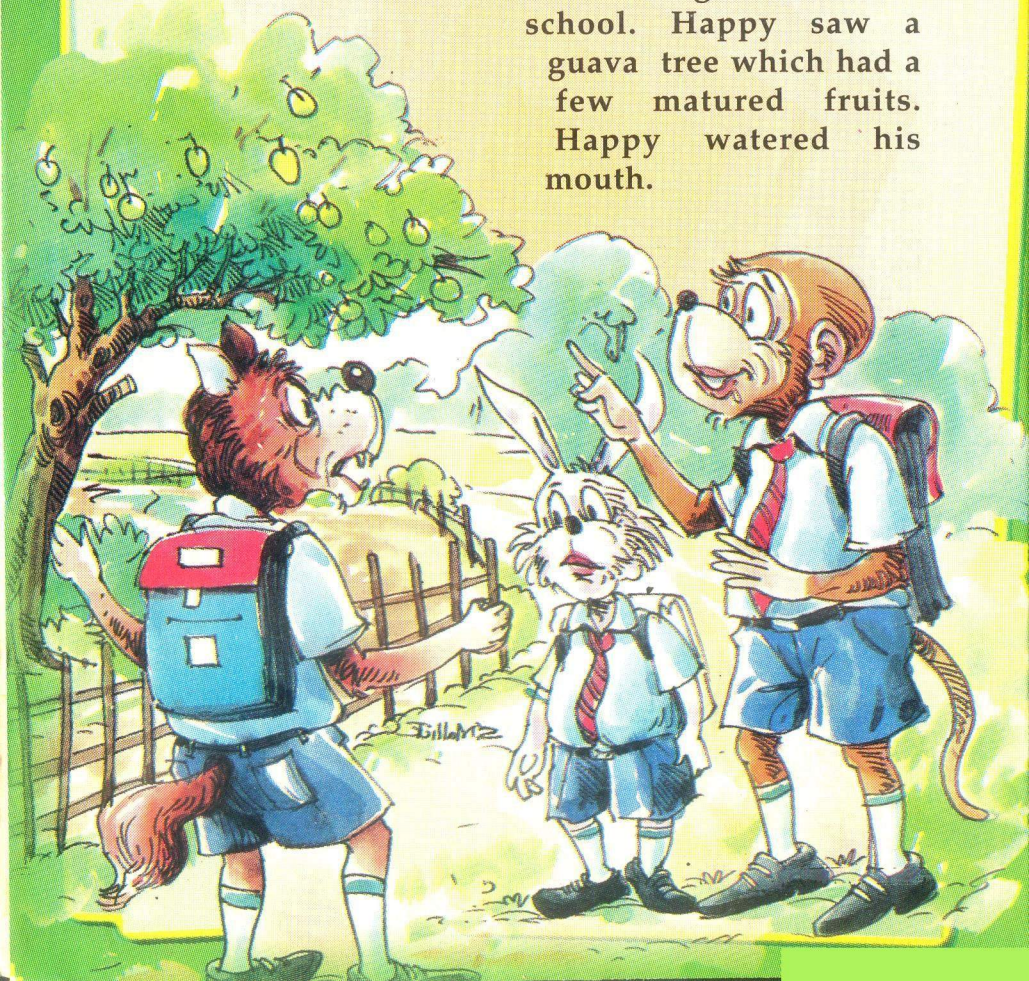
Brave Chhotu

by Keshav

HAPPY MONKEY, Browny Fox and Chhotu Rabbit were good friends. The summer vacations were over. The trio always went to the school together.

Happy Monkey was very greedy by nature. He was always busy in scheming for getting food.

One day, as usual, the trio was heading for their school. Happy saw a guava tree which had a few matured fruits. Happy watered his mouth.



"Chhotu wait for some time, let us taste some guavas," said Happy.

"Happy, did you not see that there is a quagmire under the guava tree?" warned Browny.

"Browny is right. You should not been greedy for the fruits. You can land up yourself in trouble," suggested Chhotu.

"I have learnt climbing trees since my childhood days. You just do not worry," said Happy. "I will just fetch a lot of guavas from the tree."

Happy had hardly sat on the branch of the tree when the branch on which he was sitting gave way and Happy fell down in the quagmire.

"Help ..... help," shouted Happy.

Browny and Chhotu were scared to find Happy trapped in the quagmire, but Chhotu did not leave the courage. Chhotu used his intelligence.

"Browny you call everybody; till then I will fish Happy out of the quagmire," said Chhotu.

Browny went away to call other animals.

"Happy, do not move otherwise you will sink," advised Chhotu.

He pulled out a strong creeper from the nearby tree and hurled it towards Happy.

Happy caught the creeper and Chhotu pulled it with all his strength. Happy was lucky enough to come out of the quagmire because of Chhotu's help.

By that time the other animals from the jungle had assembled. They all praised Chhotu for making use of his intelligence and bravery.

"Friends, please forgive me. I will never be greedy from now onwards," said Happy.

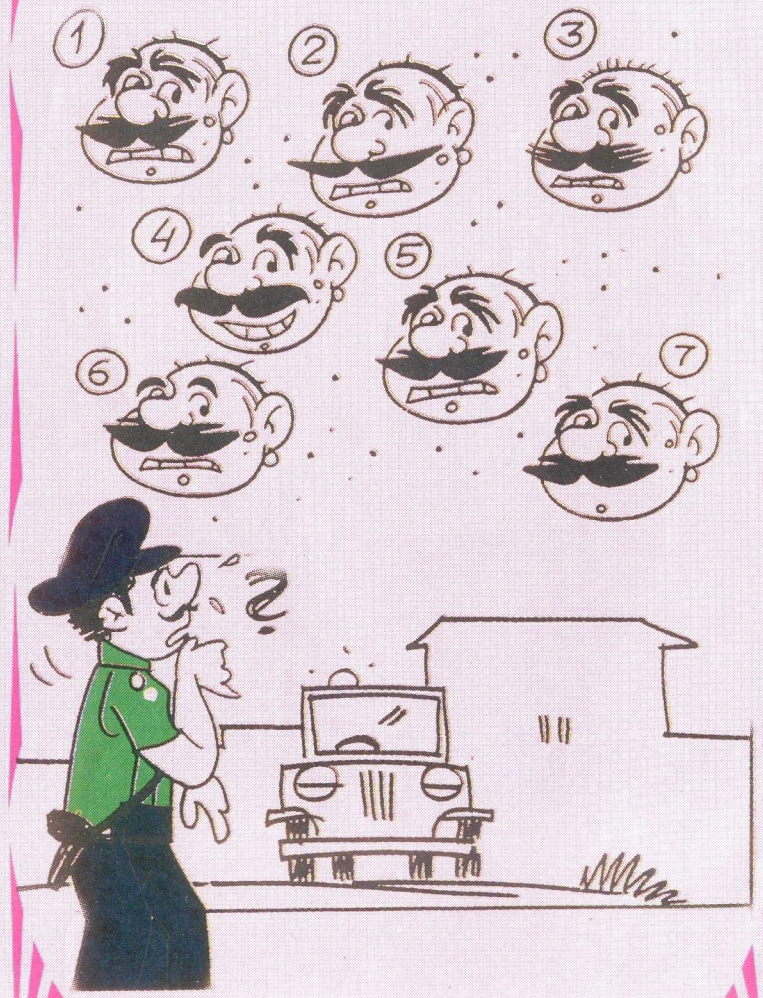
Chhotu hugged Happy.

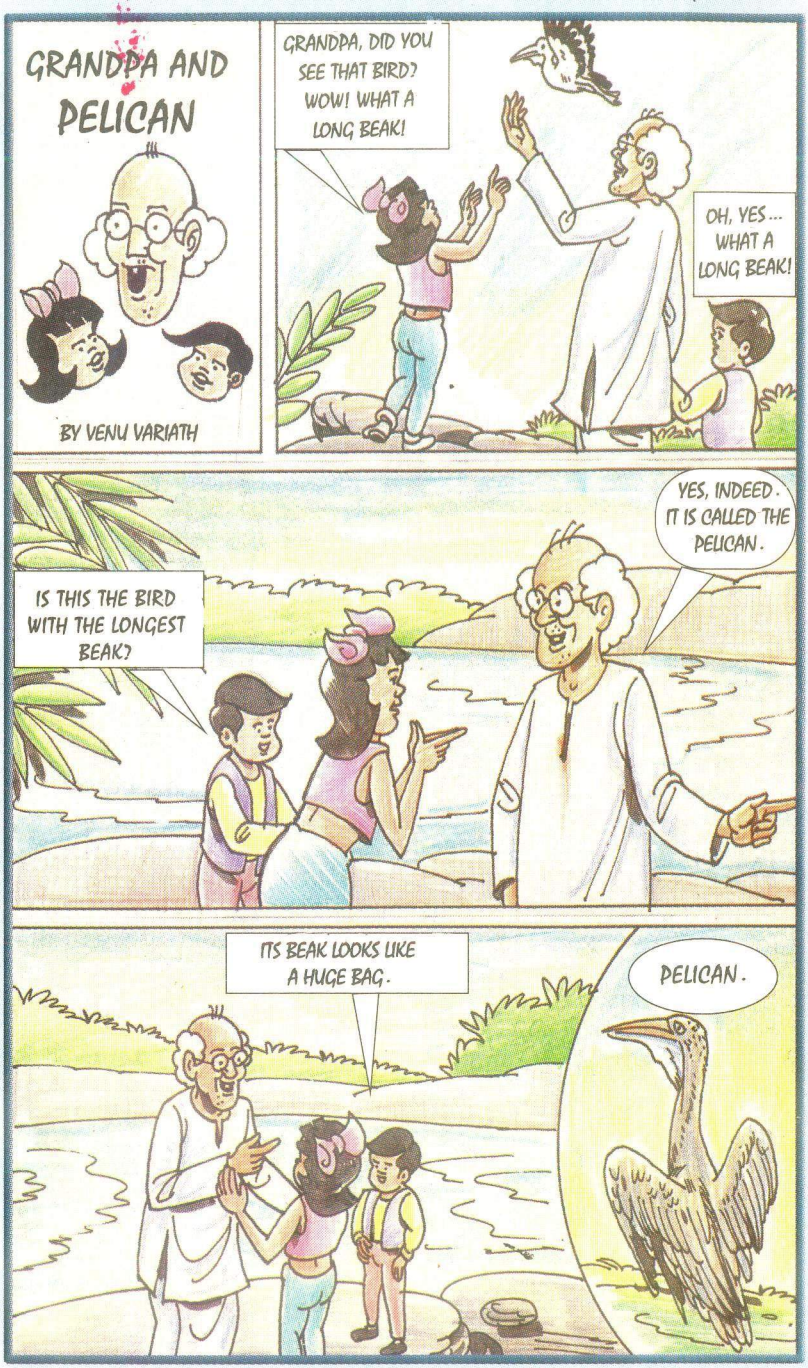
The next day King Sher Singh gave a bravery award to Chhotu.

Now everybody started addressing Chhotu as Brave Chhotu.

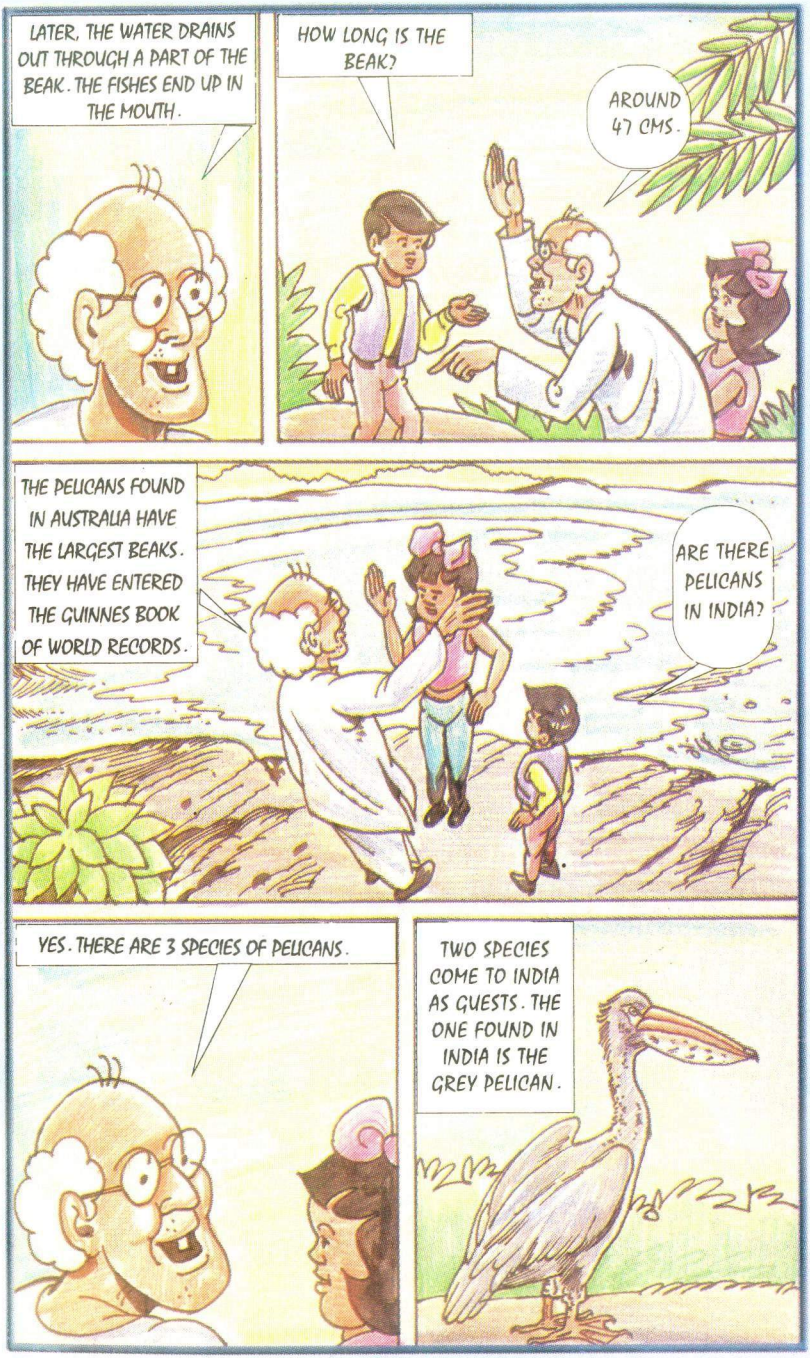
Happy's parents also thanked Chhotu for saving their son. The trio again started going towards their school happily. ●

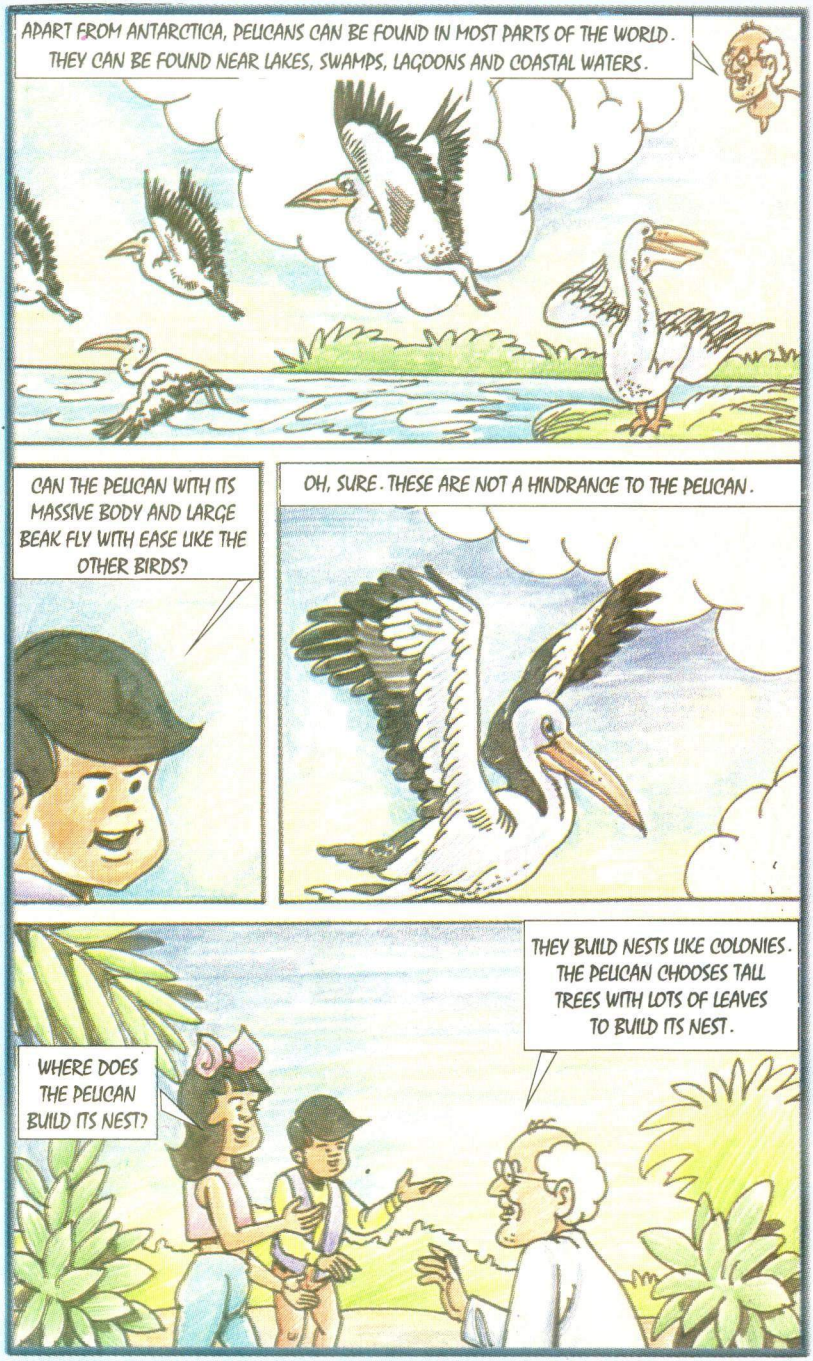
Find out which of the 2 decoits are twin brothers.

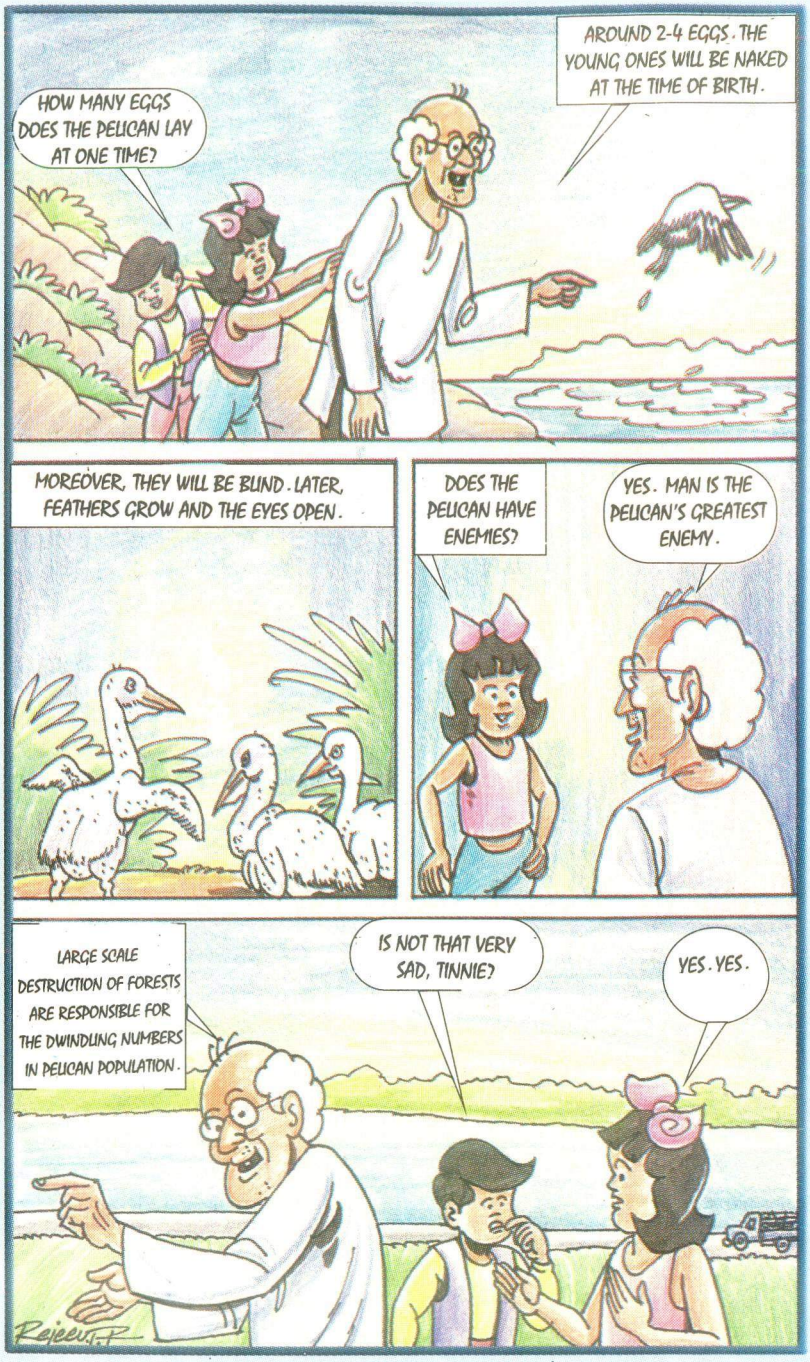



GRANDPA AND PELICAN
BY VENU VARIATH
GRANDPA, DID YOU SEE THAT BIRD? WOW! WHAT A LONG BEAK!
OH, YES... WHAT A LONG BEAK!
IS THIS THE BIRD WITH THE LONGEST BEAK?
YES, INDEED. IT IS CALLED THE PELICAN.
ITS BEAK LOOKS LIKE A HUGE BAG.
PELICAN.

THAT IS RIGHT. JUST AS A BALLOON INFLATES WHEN AIR IS BLOWN INTO IT, THE 'BEAK BAG' TOO BECOMES BIG WHEN THE PELICAN DRINKS WATER. THE GREATER THE QUANTITY, THE BIGGER IT BECOMES.
OF WHAT PURPOSE IS THIS BEAK TO THE PELICAN?
IT CAN STORE HUGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD IN THE BEAK.
HOW?
THE PELICAN GOES TO A PLACE WHERE THERE IS A HUGE QUANTITY OF FISHES, SCOOPS UP A MOUTHFUL.


LATER, THE WATER DRAINS OUT THROUGH A PART OF THE BEAK. THE FISHES END UP IN THE MOUTH.
HOW LONG IS THE BEAK?
AROUND 47 CMS.
THE PELICANS FOUND IN AUSTRALIA HAVE THE LARGEST BEAKS. THEY HAVE ENTERED THE GUINNES BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS.
ARE THERE PELICANS IN INDIA?
YES. THERE ARE 3 SPECIES OF PELICANS.
TWO SPECIES COME TO INDIA AS GUESTS. THE ONE FOUND IN INDIA IS THE GREY PELICAN.


APART FROM ANTARCTICA, PELICANS CAN BE FOUND IN MOST PARTS OF THE WORLD. THEY CAN BE FOUND NEAR LAKES, SWAMPS, LAGOONS AND COASTAL WATERS.
CAN THE PELICAN WITH ITS MASSIVE BODY AND LARGE BEAK FLY WITH EASE LIKE THE OTHER BIRDS?
OH, SURE. THESE ARE NOT A HINDRANCE TO THE PELICAN.
WHERE DOES THE PELICAN BUILD ITS NEST?
THEY BUILD NESTS LIKE COLONIES. THE PELICAN CHOOSES TALL TREES WITH LOTS OF LEAVES TO BUILD ITS NEST.


HOW MANY EGGS DOES THE PELICAN LAY AT ONE TIME?
AROUND 2-4 EGGS. THE YOUNG ONES WILL BE NAKED AT THE TIME OF BIRTH.
MOREOVER, THEY WILL BE BLIND. LATER, FEATHERS GROW AND THE EYES OPEN.
DOES THE PELICAN HAVE ENEMIES?
YES. MAN IS THE PELICAN'S GREATEST ENEMY.
LARGE SCALE DESTRUCTION OF FORESTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DWINDLING NUMBERS IN PELICAN POPULATION.
IS NOT THAT VERY SAD, TINNIE?
YES. YES.
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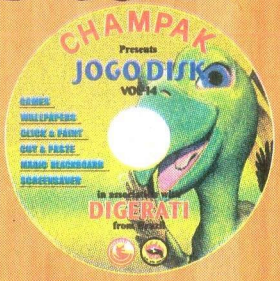

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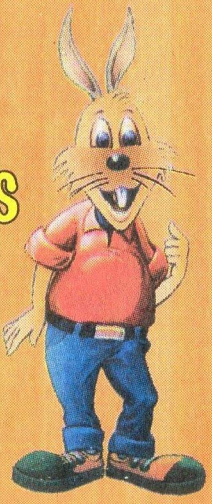

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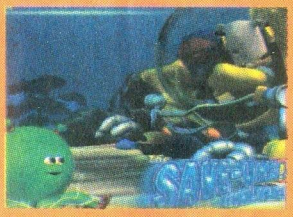
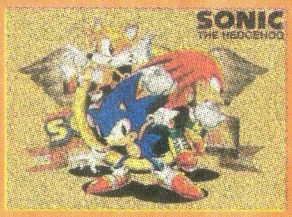




by Sainni

The Kittens And The Leopard

"RINI RUN, otherwise this tiger will catch us and these kittens also," said Romi. "He is not a tiger but he is a leopard," Rini said while running behind Romi. I recognise a leopard.

Both of them had a kitten each in their hands. The kittens were only 3-4 days old.

Romi and Rini were out on a morning walk. They had come to the Himalayan Valley few days ago only. In the neighbouring village, their father's friend lived with his family and their house was on the top of a mountain.

They had insisted that they would be staying for a few more days. Their aunt had told them that there was no danger in staying over with them. Only eatables had to be fetched from the nearby village.

But they were caught in a sticky situation on the very first morning.

While strolling down on the road, their attention was caught by 2 kittens in the bushes.

"Maybe they have been separated from their mother and they might be hungry. Let us take them home and feed them milk. We have a lot of milk in the house," said Rini.

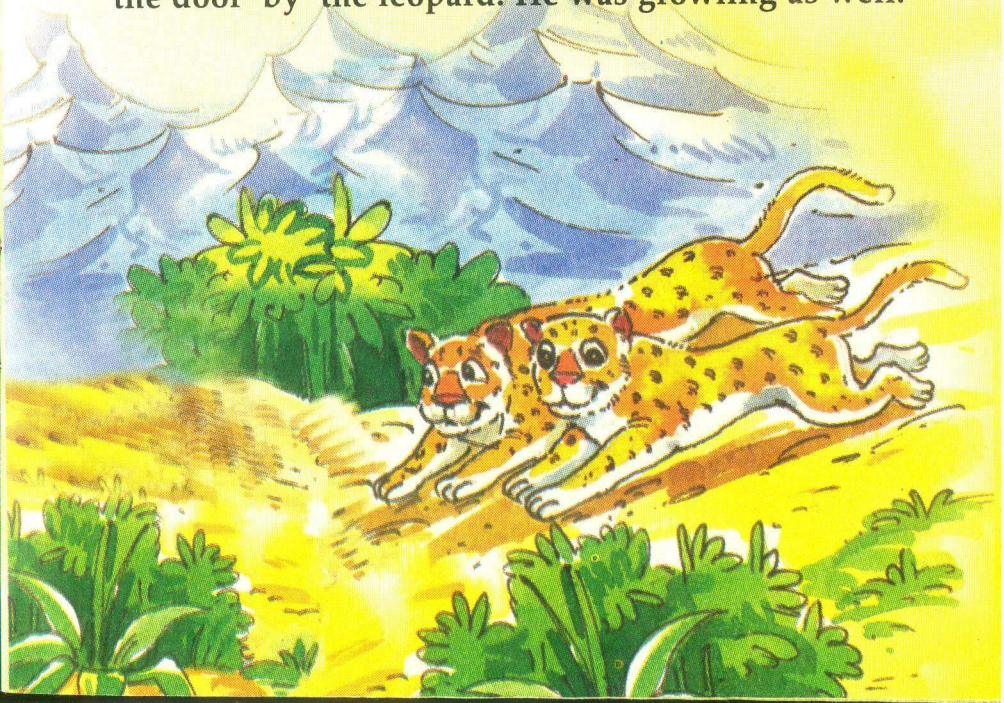
The kids had hardly gone a little away when they saw a leopard following them. He was growling as well.

"I am not able to handle this kitten anymore. If he claws me again; I will throw him away," shouted Romi.

"Really? You were calling me brave and you yourself have become so scared. The house is not far away. There is the house," said Rini.

Both of them entered the house and closed the door from inside. They even latched the small window opening towards the backyard.

A little later they heard the claws tapping on the door by the leopard. He was growling as well.



"There is no need to worry. The leopard will go away," said Romi.

"As such the leopard could have caught us in just 2 leaps. He is the fastest animal; but leopards like other animals are afraid of humans," explained Rini.

But the leopard created a lot of noise outside the door. His growlings and jumpings had also increased.

By then the kittens had their milk. They were looking for a way out to escape. Suddenly, the door started shaking.

Rini and Romi shifted the heavy box against the door and then sat on the box. The door again started shaking. They then used pressure to push the box against the door.

A little later everything became quiet. Maybe

the leopard was tired and had left. The kittens also had slept off.

Rini tried to listen through the door. Romi also copied Rini. They heard the leopard's heavy panting. Both of them were badly scared.

The leopard kept on growling the whole night. The kittens also kept on running everywhere in the house.

Rini and Romi had no idea till early morning how to get rid of the leopard.

With the crack of the dawn the sun's first light entered and brightened the room. The kittens mounted on the box and started scratching the door.

The leopard was still strolling outside the house. His scratching on the backyard window and the roof top had increased.

"Oh, the leopard has climbed the roof," said Romi.

Rini also became scared to see the kittens getting wild.

"Romi, they are not kittens but they are the leopard's children. Outside is their mother. All the children from the cat family look alike," said Rini.

Both of them looked at each other with fear in their eyes and pushed the box to the door. The children started scratching the door with their claws; when they heard the growling sound outside the door.

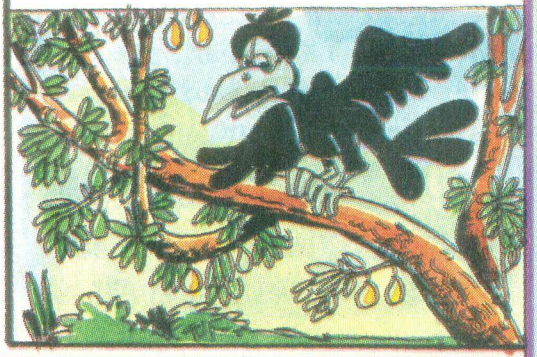
Romi opened the latch and Rini opened the door slowly so that the children could go out.

Both of them saw the leopard mother, after licking her young ones, were going towards the jungle followed by her children. ●

FALSE HOPE

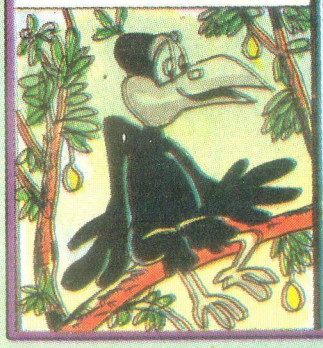
BY
SHIRAZ MUNAWAR

ONCE A HUNGRY CROW WAS PERCHED ON A FIG TREE.

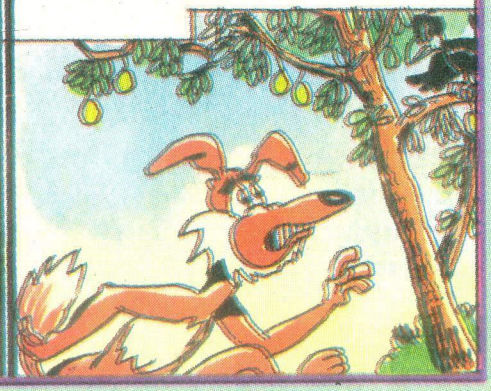


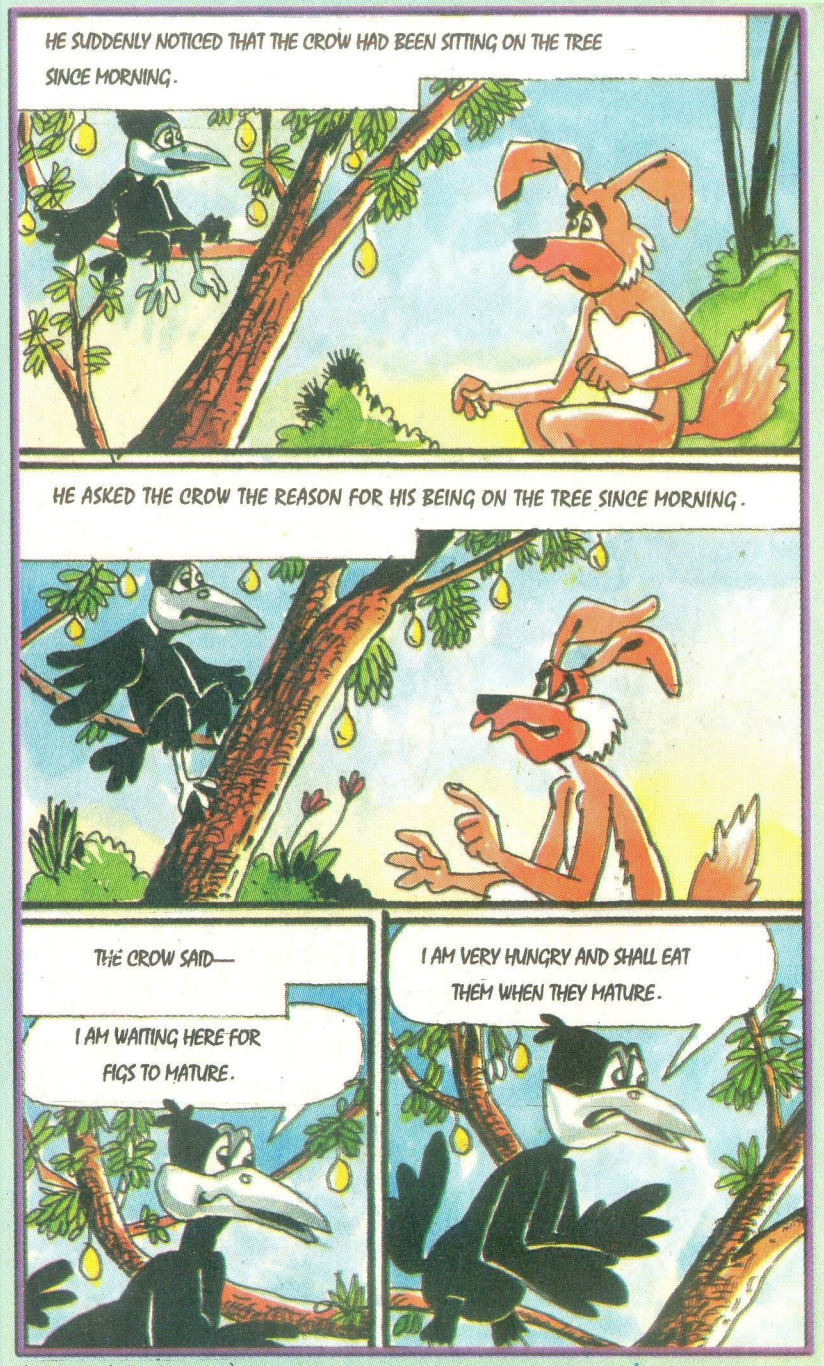
BUT THE FIGS WERE NOT MATURED AND HAD NO TASTE.

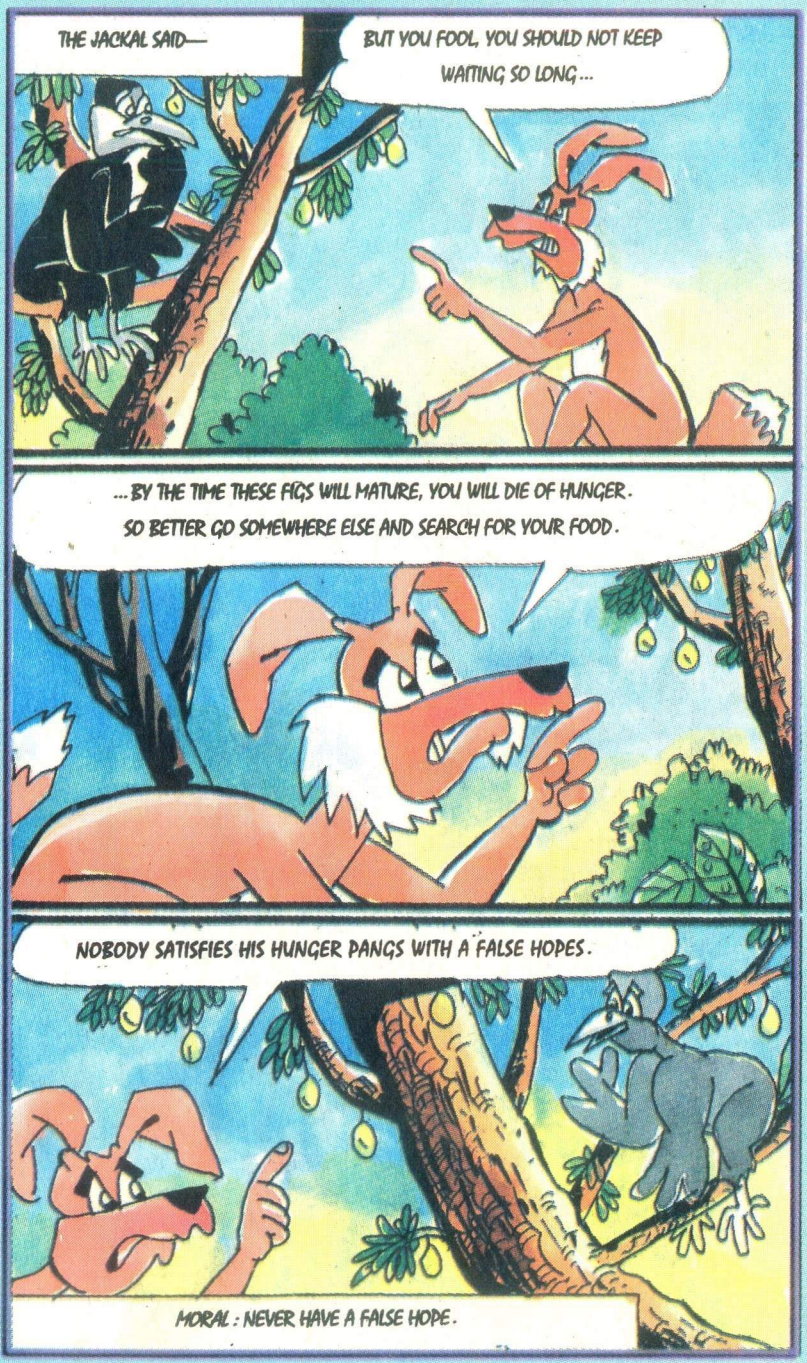
HE WAITED FOR FIGS TO MATURE.



THEN A JACKAL PASSED ON THE ROAD DOWN BELOW.




HE SUDDENLY NOTICED THAT THE CROW HAD BEEN SITTING ON THE TREE SINCE MORNING.
HE ASKED THE CROW THE REASON FOR HIS BEING ON THE TREE SINCE MORNING.
THE CROW SAID—
I AM WAITING HERE FOR FIGS TO MATURE.
I AM VERY HUNGRY AND SHALL EAT THEM WHEN THEY MATURE.


THE JACKAL SAID—
BUT YOU FOOL, YOU SHOULD NOT KEEP WAITING SO LONG...
...BY THE TIME THESE FIGS WILL MATURE, YOU WILL DIE OF HUNGER. SO BETTER GO SOMEWHERE ELSE AND SEARCH FOR YOUR FOOD.
NOBODY SATISFIES HIS HUNGER PANGS WITH A FALSE HOPES.
MORAL : NEVER HAVE A FALSE HOPE.

ONE DAY Bunty Monkey went to the market with his father. He forced his father to buy him a beautiful wallet. He returned home and proudly displayed his new wallet to his friends.

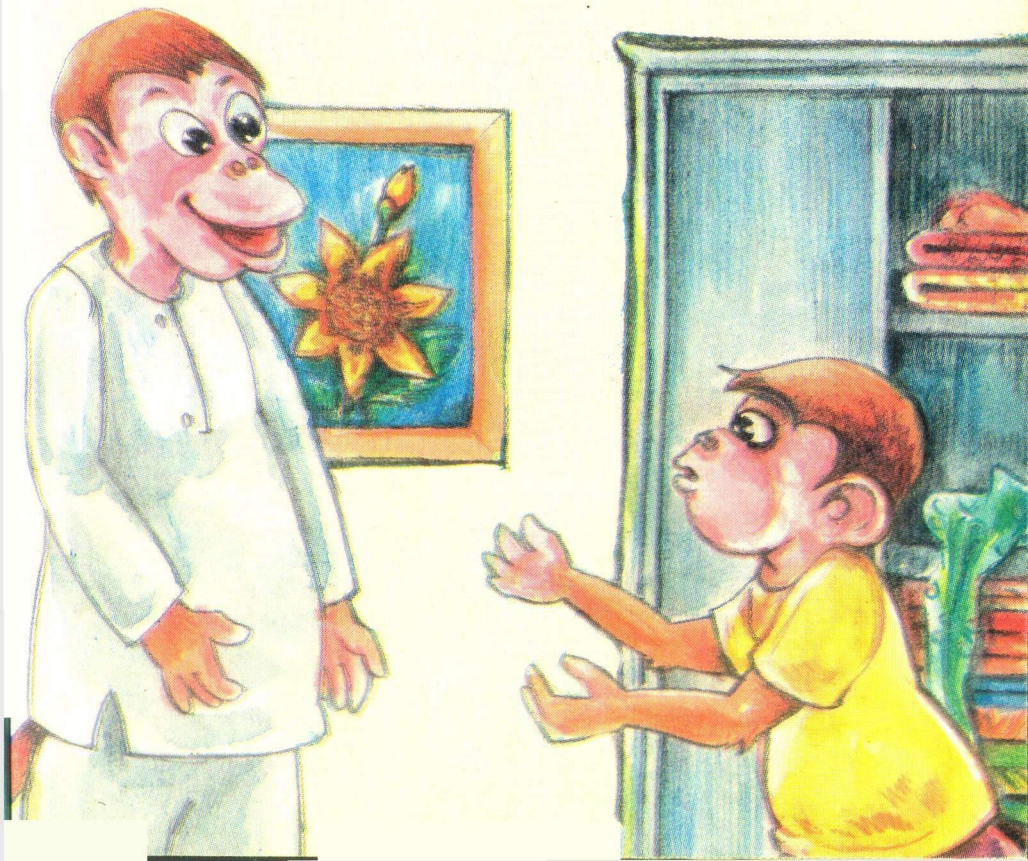
"Wonderful," said Lucky Cuckoo, "nobody has such a beautiful wallet."

"Really, this is even better than my colourful wings," said Neelu Peacock.

"When we have a party, we will keep our collections for the party on this wallet," suggested Chunky Squirrel.

Beautiful Wallet

by Narendra Chaturvedi



"Yes...yes why not," said Bunty Monkey.

Bunty kept his brand new wallet safely in the almirah.

"Mommy says I can't take care of my things, but she is wrong," murmured Bunty.

He took out the wallet again, inspected it and then kept it back.

In the evening Bunty's uncle and aunt, along with their daughter Pinki, visited for the dinner.

Pinki was very mischievous. She was not sitting properly at the dinner table. At times she went on the top of table or sat on the almirah.

The moment she used to go to the almirah, Bunty used to feel low.

'My wallet is in the almirah, if she lays her hands on it then,' Bunty felt scared at the very thought.

He kept the bundle of the dirty clothes, lying on the floor, inside the almirah and closed the door.

"What are you doing, Bunty Brother?" said Pinki. "Don't you even know that the dirty clothes are never kept in the almirah?"

Bunty was quiet.

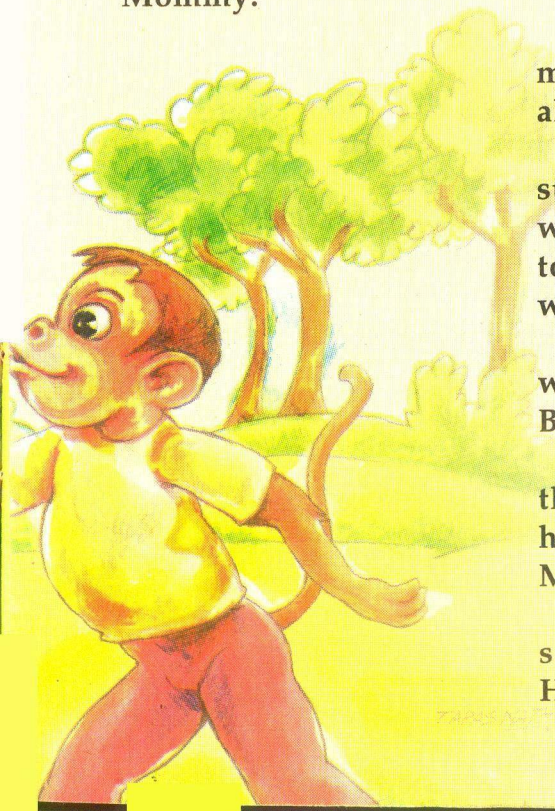
"Come Bunty, let us go out and play. Your friends would be there as well. We will call your friends," suggested Pinki.

Bunty came out of the house with Pinki but he was sweating badly.

By then Rinku washerman came over. Bunty's mother gave the dirty clothes for washing. Bunty was surprised to see him going with the clothes.

Bunty came running to the almirah.

"What are you searching?" asked Bunty's Mommy.



"Mommy, I had kept my new wallet in the almirah," said Bunty.

"Here?" She was surprised. "Dirty clothes were here which I gave to the washerman for washing."

"Mommy but the wallet is not here," Bunty was in tears.

"It must be there at the place where you have kept it," said Mommy.

Bunty again started searching for his wallet. He was completely

drenched in the sweat.

"What is the matter?" asked Bunty's Papa.

"Papa, I am not finding my wallet," Bunty explained his problem.

"But where did you keep it?" asked Papa.

"It was here only in the almirah. I had kept the bundle of dirty clothes on it," said Bunty.

"Why?" Papa was surprised.

"So that nobody could steal my wallet," said Bunty sheepishly.

"Bunty, when you kept the clothes in the almirah, your wallet fell down; which you did not notice.

"Your wallet was lying on the floor. To keep it properly does not mean you have to hide it.

"We should know where we had kept our things and it should be retrieved immediately. This is only the right way. What was the idea of keeping your wallet with dirty clothes in the almirah?" Papa asked smilingly.

"Papa, Pinki would have spoiled it," Bunty said to his father.

"You should never think bad for others. You should have shown it her and she too would have been happy.

"You have committed a mistake and you have been punished. Take your wallet.

"Now keep it properly in the almirah at its right place," Papa explained Bunty lovingly. ●

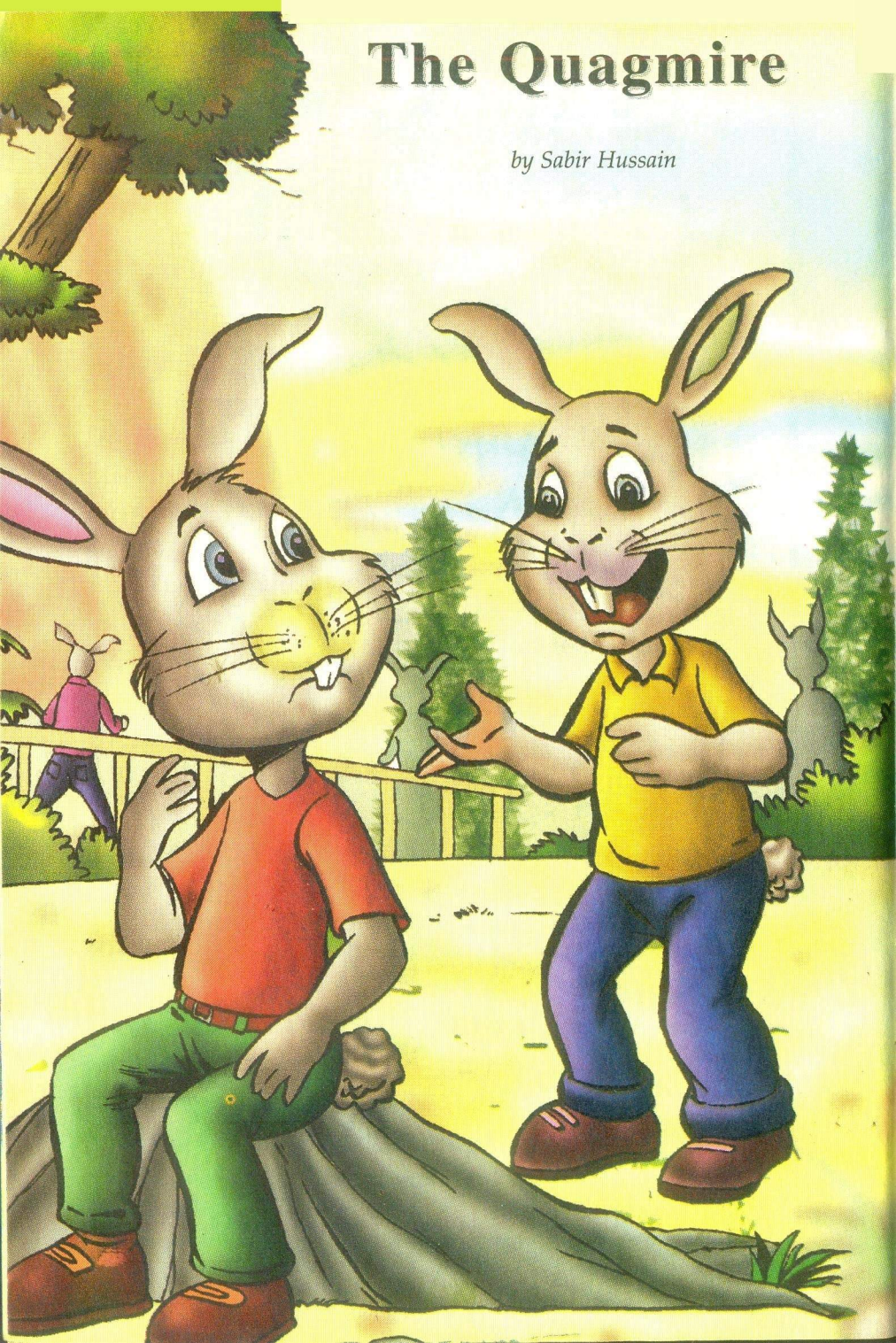
Polite policy

There is no policy like politeness, and a good manner is the best thing in the world, either to get a good name, or supply the want of it. — *Bulwer.*

Colour the picture.

The Quagmire

by Sabir Hussain

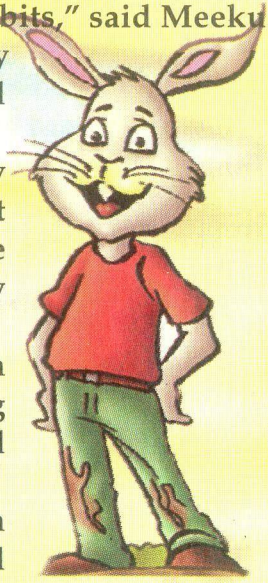


MEEKU RABBIT came out of Champak colony. He came to the playground. Many rabbits were playing there. Suddenly, a wolf leaped out of the bushes. Before the rabbits could have understood anything, the wolf grabbed one of the rabbits and vanished away in the bushes.

"The terror of this wolf is constantly on the rise," said Jumpy Rabbit to Meeku Rabbit.

"Yes, he has killed so many rabbits," said Meeku.

"Now Meeku Brother, you only do something about it," said Jumpy.



In the entire Champak colony Meeku Rabbit was the most intelligent amongst rest of the rabbits. Everybody in the colony always supported Meeku.

A few days back Jumpy fell in the pit. He tried a lot of jumping but could not come out and started shouting for help.

Meeku Rabbit was sleeping in the nearby bushes. Jumpy's call for the help woke him up. He saw Jumpy trapped in the pit. His mind worked double time and thought of a trick to pull out Jumpy out of the pit. He went to the colony and called other rabbits.

"Let us all throw stones in the pit. Soon the pit will be filled with the stones and Jumpy would then come out of the pit," Meeku had explained his plan to save Jumpy.

The rabbits followed Meeku's instructions. Soon the pit was filled with the stones and Jumpy was

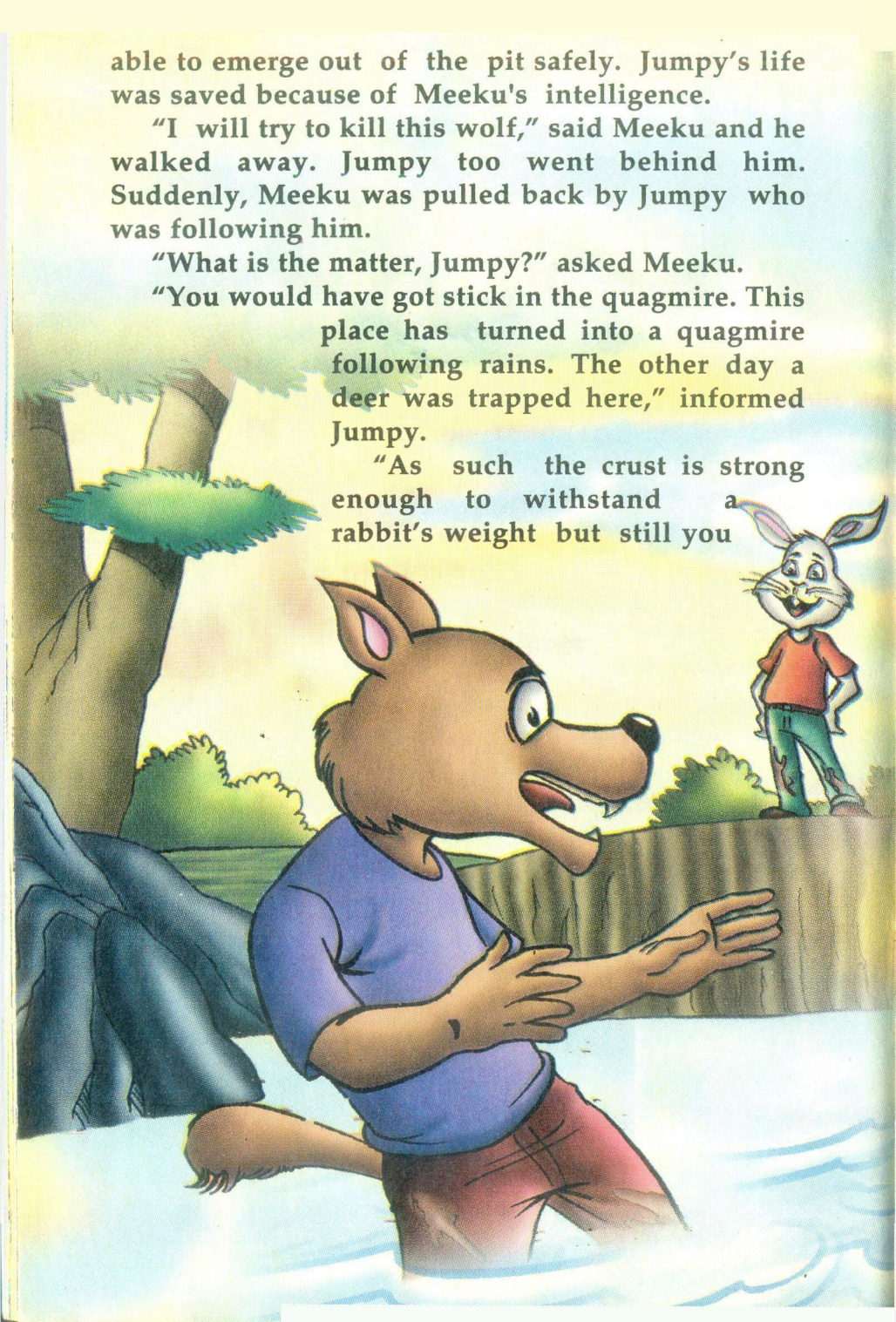
able to emerge out of the pit safely. Jumpy's life was saved because of Meeku's intelligence.

"I will try to kill this wolf," said Meeku and he walked away. Jumpy too went behind him. Suddenly, Meeku was pulled back by Jumpy who was following him.

"What is the matter, Jumpy?" asked Meeku.

"You would have got stick in the quagmire. This place has turned into a quagmire following rains. The other day a deer was trapped here," informed Jumpy.

"As such the crust is strong enough to withstand a rabbit's weight but still you



never know the lose sand, you might get trapped," Jumpy interrupted Meeku.

"I will kill this wolf by luring him to this quagmire," said Meeku.

"But it is dangerous," said Jumpy.

"We have to take this risk or else he will keep killing us one by one," said Meeku.

The next day early in the morning Meèku set out in search of the wolf. He saw the wolf sitting under a tree. Meeku mustered his courage and stood before the wolf.

The wolf pounced on Meeku as he saw a chubby rabbit before him. But Meeku ran towards the quagmire. The wolf leaped to catch Meeku.

Heavy wolf fell down and was trapped in the quagmire. But Meeku had safely crossed over to the other side of the quagmire. The wolf tried to come out of the quagmire, but could not succeed. Finally, he went into his grave in the quagmire. ●

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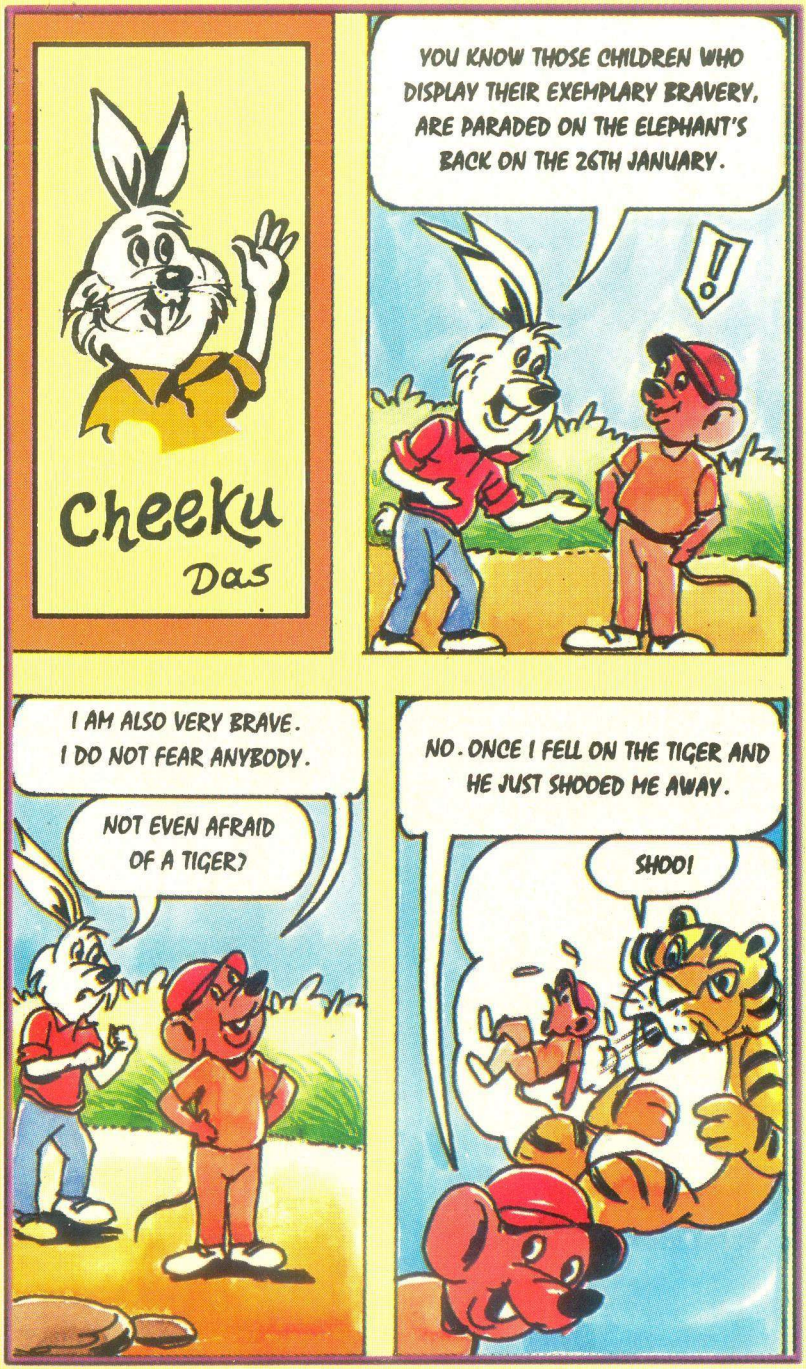
Cheeku
Das
YOU KNOW THOSE CHILDREN WHO DISPLAY THEIR EXEMPLARY BRAVERY, ARE PARADED ON THE ELEPHANT'S BACK ON THE 26TH JANUARY.
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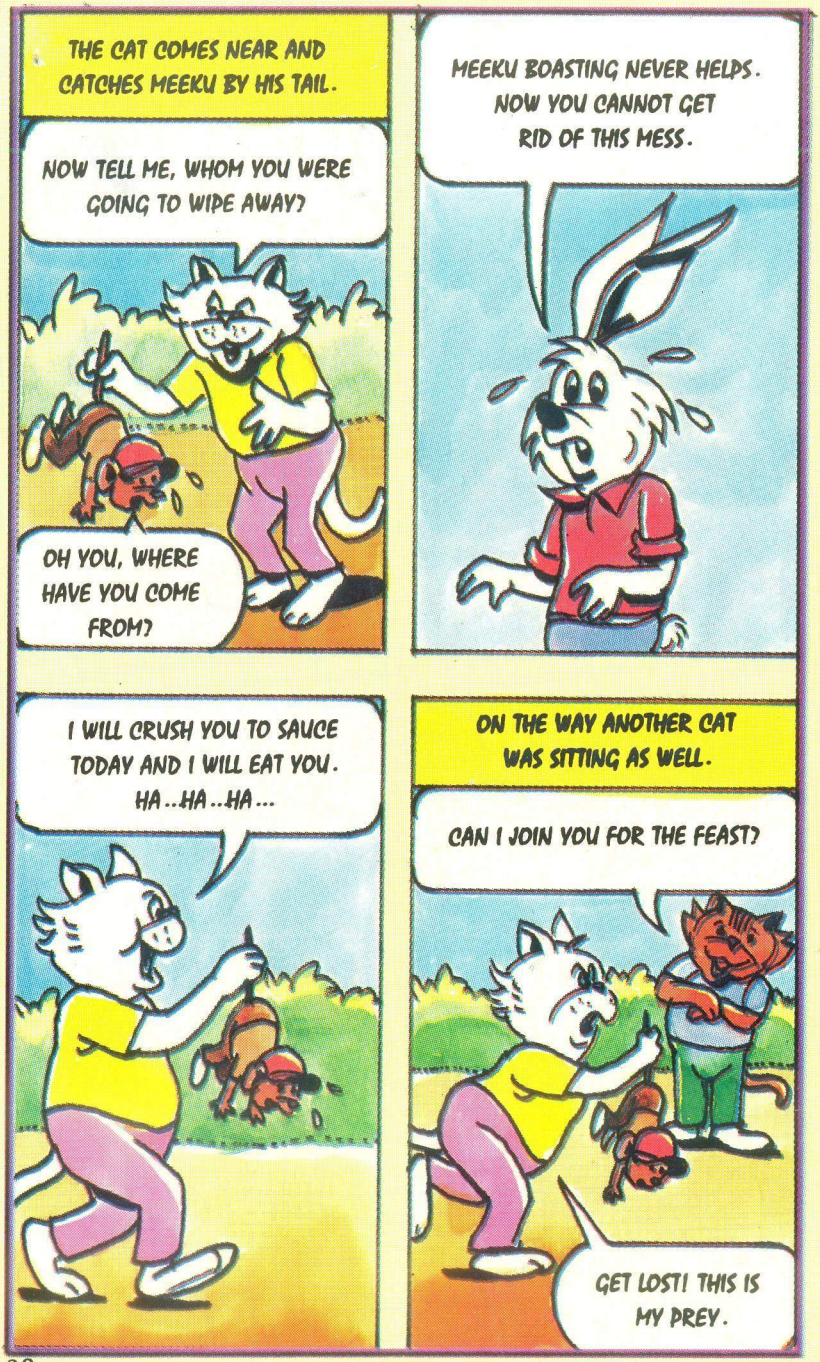
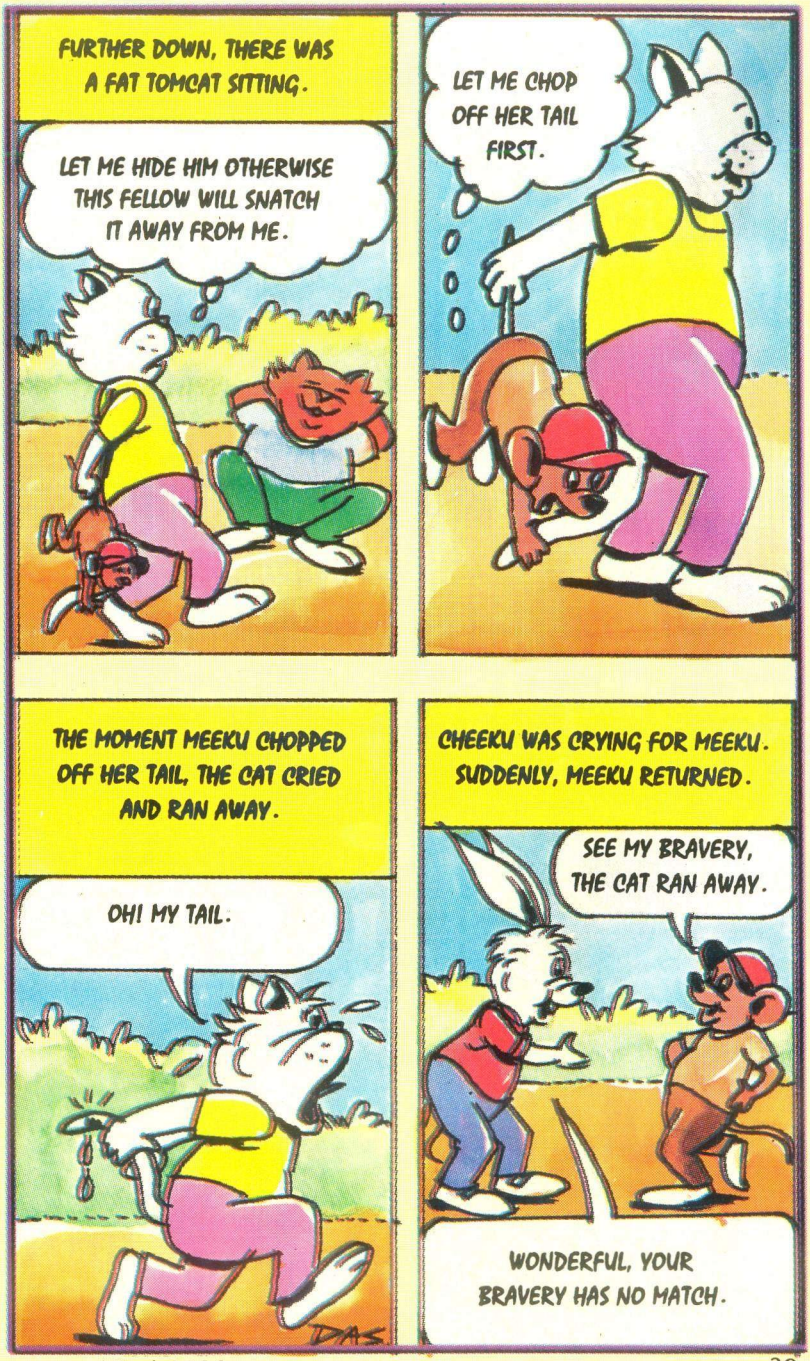
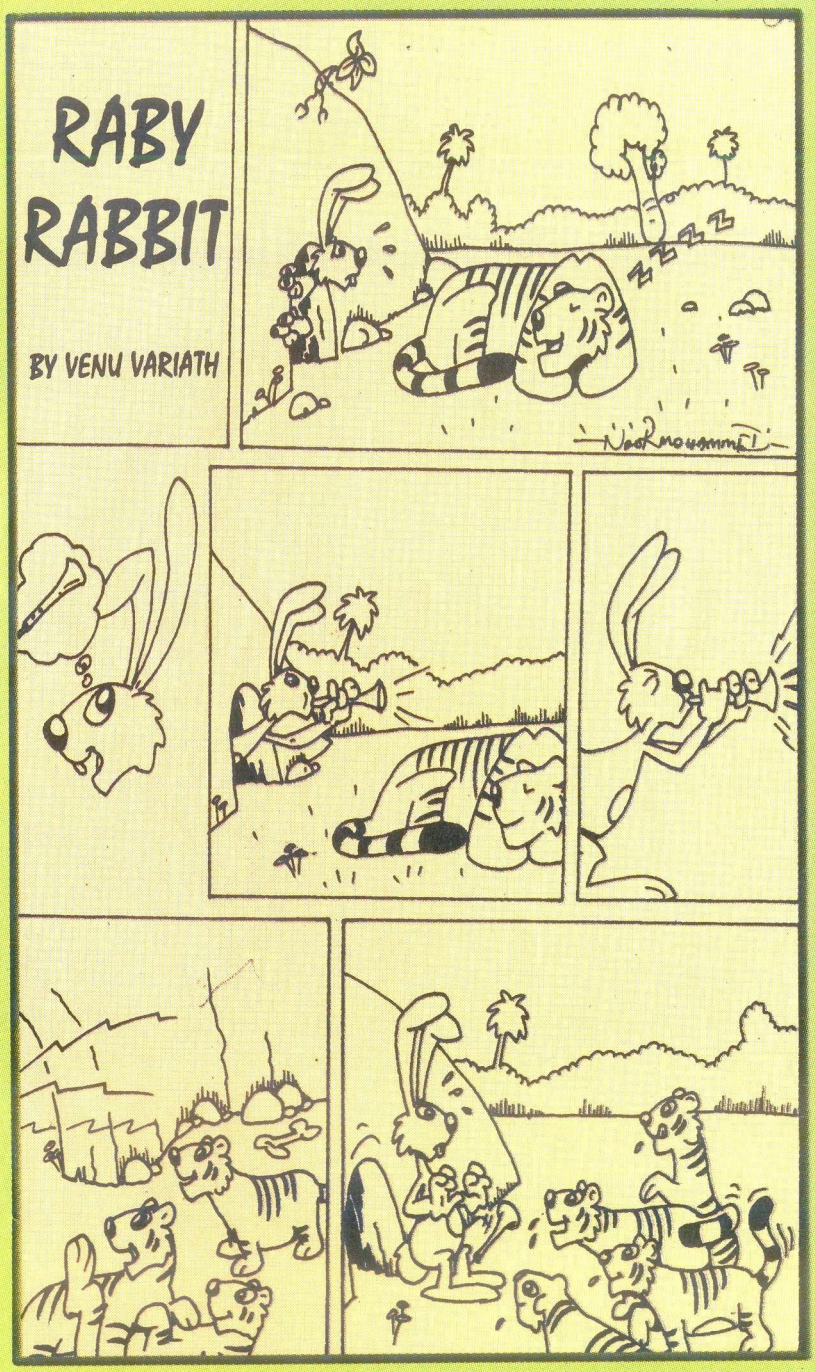
I AM ALSO VERY BRAVE. I DO NOT FEAR ANYBODY.
NOT EVEN AFRAID OF A TIGER?
NO. ONCE I FELL ON THE TIGER AND HE JUST SHOOED ME AWAY.
SHOO!

AND WHAT IF AN ELEPHANT COMES OVER?
OH! ELEPHANTS ARE VERY NICE. THEY CHANGE THEIR COURSE THE MOMENT THEY SEE ME.
AND THE BEAR?
THE BEAR ALWAYS LOVES TO KEEP SLEEPING. HE IS LEAST AWARE OF THE WORLD OUTSIDE.
YOU ARE INDEED VERY BRAVE. BUT WATCH OUT, THE CAT IS COMING IN YOUR DIRECTION.
LET HER COME, I WILL JUST WIPE HER AWAY.
REALLY?


THE CAT COMES NEAR AND CATCHES MEEKU BY HIS TAIL.
NOW TELL ME, WHOM YOU WERE GOING TO WIPE AWAY?
OH YOU, WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM?
MEEKU BOASTING NEVER HELPS. NOW YOU CANNOT GET RID OF THIS MESS.
I WILL CRUSH YOU TO SAUCE TODAY AND I WILL EAT YOU. HA..HA..HA...
ON THE WAY ANOTHER CAT WAS SITTING AS WELL.
CAN I JOIN YOU FOR THE FEAST?
GET LOST! THIS IS MY PREY.


FURTHER DOWN, THERE WAS A FAT TOMCAT SITTING.
LET ME HIDE HIM OTHERWISE THIS FELLOW WILL SNATCH IT AWAY FROM ME.
LET ME CHOP OFF HER TAIL FIRST.
THE MOMENT MEEKU CHOPPED OFF HER TAIL, THE CAT CRIED AND RAN AWAY.
OH! MY TAIL.
DAS
CHEEKU WAS CRYING FOR MEEKU. SUDDENLY, MEEKU RETURNED.
SEE MY BRAVERY, THE CAT RAN AWAY.
WONDERFUL, YOUR BRAVERY HAS NO MATCH.

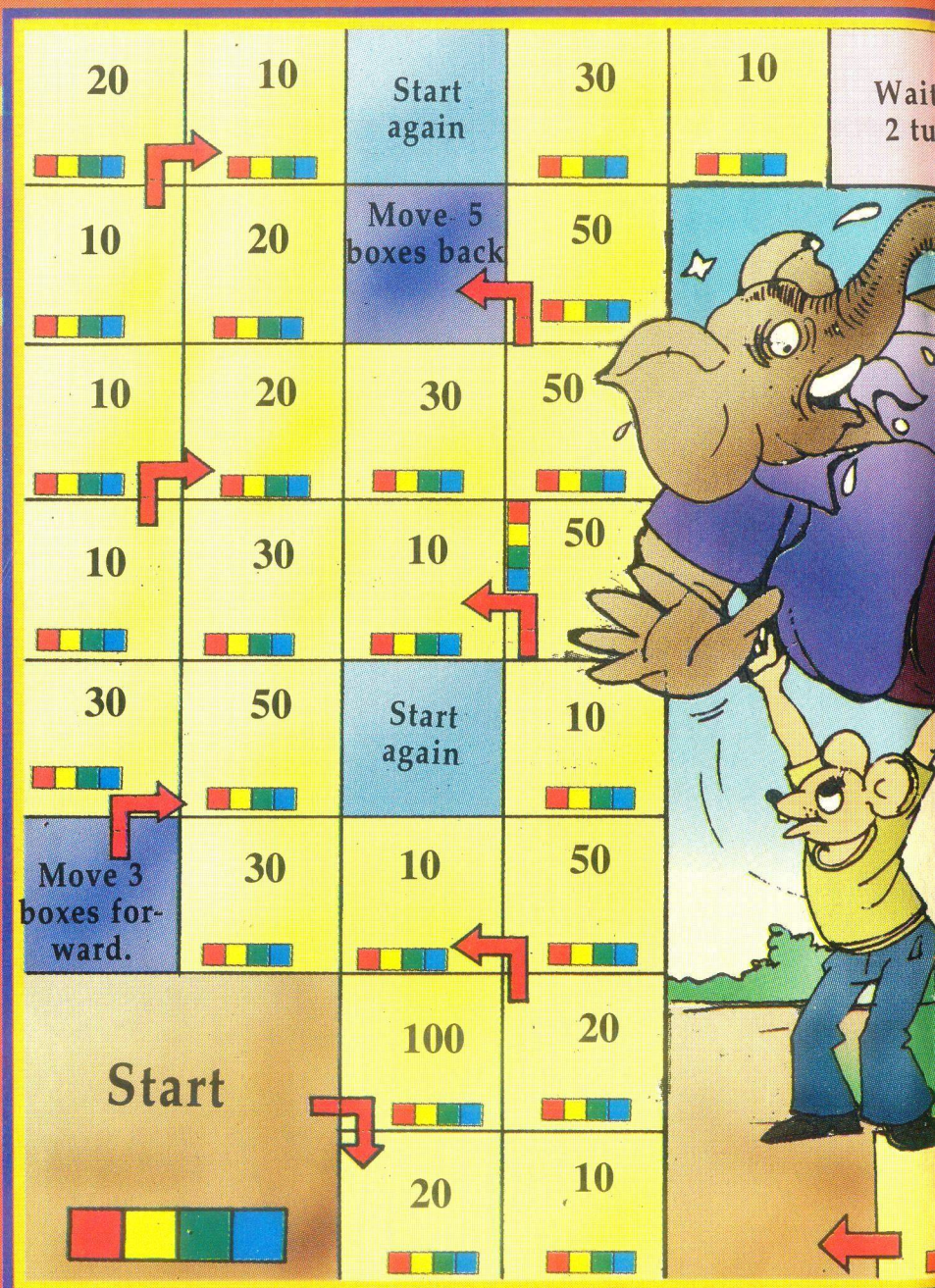

RABY
RABBIT
BY VENU VARIATH

CHAMPAK CHEKERS 102

Rules of the Game

- This is an interesting game.
- You can start the game when you get 1 on your dice.
- If you do not have a dice, you can pick up your favourite *Champak* magazine. With your eyes closed, open your *Champak* magazine and move boxes as per the last digit of the right hand side page number, e.g. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Zero is not acceptable.

- Each player has to select a colour of his choice before starting the game.
- While moving as per the dice, keep following the instructions given in the boxes.
- Any player who punches the box first after reading the box, shall get the credit points given in the box.
- The player who reaches the 'mouse' with maximum points shall be the winner of the game.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	50	10	30	50
	20	Start again	20	30
Move 10 boxes backward.	10	10	30	
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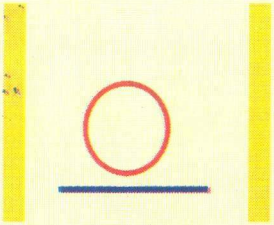
THE LINE AND THE CIRCLE'S STORY

BY MANJARI SHARMA



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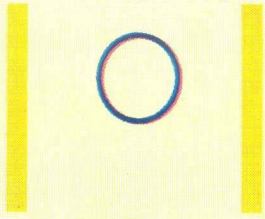

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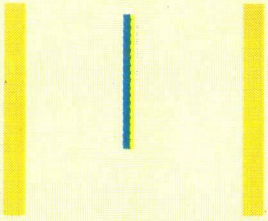

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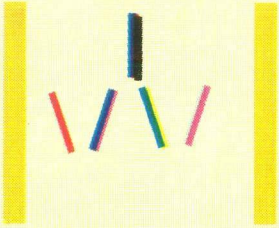

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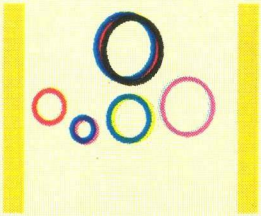

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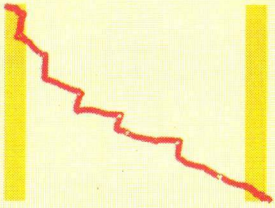

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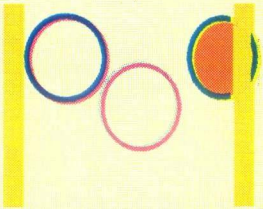

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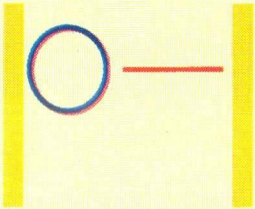

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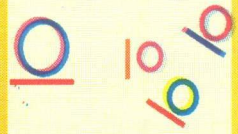
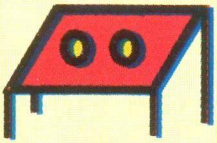
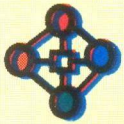


HERE AND THERE, EVERYWHERE.

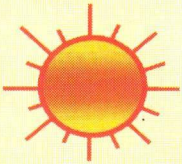
THE LINE TURNED INTO A STAR AND THE CIRCLE TURNED INTO THE MOON.



THE LINE TURNED INTO A TABLE AND THE CIRCLE TURNED INTO A PLATE.



BOTH OF THEM BECAME FRIENDS' AND BOTH OF THEM MADE MANY THINGS.



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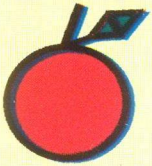
THE FLOWER.



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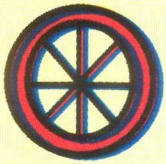

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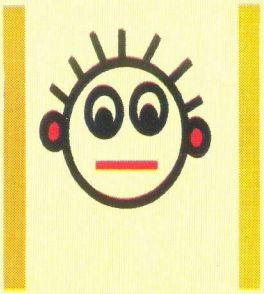

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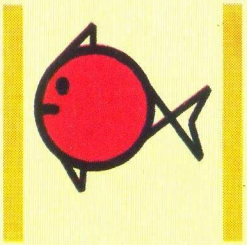
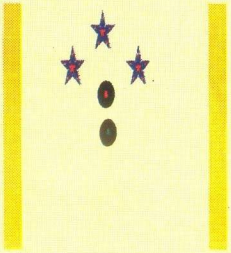
THE TREE.



THE FISH.

THEY ENJOYED A LOT.



AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Who Am I ?

1. Three slim brothers,
   Always chasing each other.
   Never ever they come,
   Out of their glass house.

2. I am always with you,
   I am your lifeline.
   But if you spoil me,
   I can make you sick.

3. Strange, but I have 3 arms,
   Strange, but I am pot bellied.
   I am indespensible in summers,
   You can't rest if I am not present.

4. I make flowers smile,
   I make birds sing.
   Always keep away from me,
   Better dare not to come near me.

How Much Do You Know ?

1. Who is the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?
   a) Raj Shekhar Reddy. b) M. Karunanidhi.
   c) M. Karunakaran. d) J. Jailalita.
2. Who invented the sewing machine?
   a) Walter Hunt. b) Davy.
   c) Elias Howe. d) Berliner.
3. Where astronaut Kalpana Chawla was born?
   a) Bihar. b) Haryana.
   c) Punjab. d) Rajasthan.
4. Anjali Bhagwat is associated with which game?
   a) Hockey. b) Shooting.
   c) Cricket. d) Tennis.
5. What is the full form of WTO?
   a) World Trade Organisation. b) Web Trade Organisation.
   c) World Tourist Organisation. d) Worker Trade Organisation.

Answers

(Who Am I?)—1. Clock's arms. 2. The wind. 3. The fan. 4. The Sun.

(How Much Do You Know ?) — 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (a).

The Decoit Leopard

by Bhuran Das Saurabh

THE CHILDREN'S class in Haritvan was in progress. "You Chulbul Mouse, tell me where is the Taj Mahal," asked Billo Cat.

"I don't know Madam," Chulbul said as if he was shaken from his sleep.

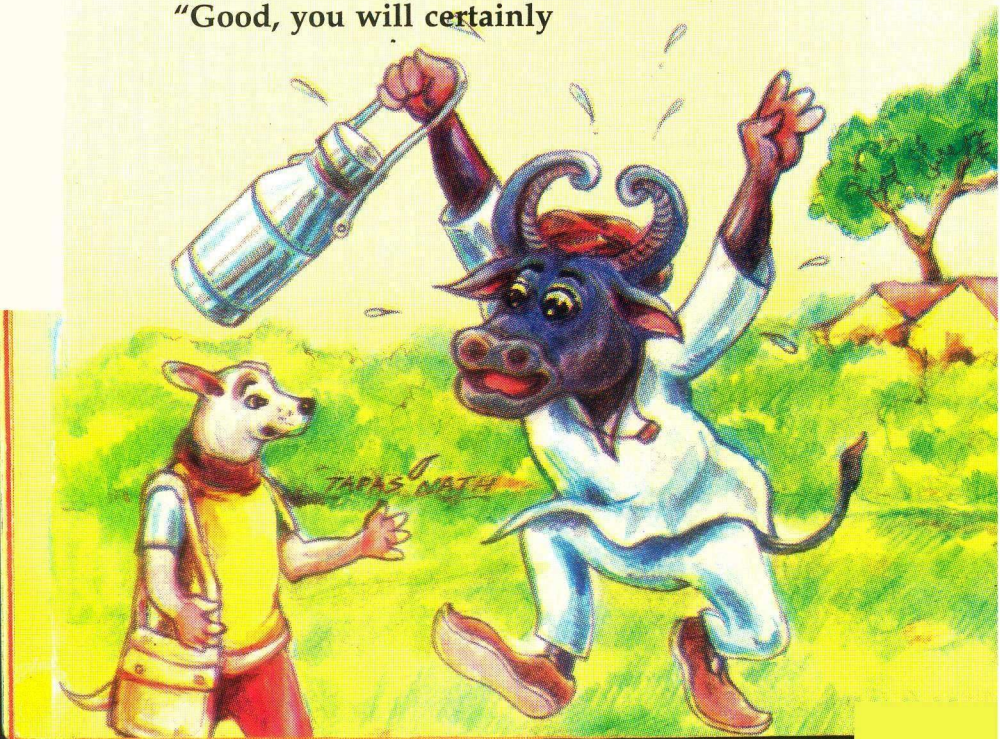
"Okay, stand up on your bench," said the Madam angrily.

Chulbul stood on the bench and said, "Madam, I can't see the Taj Mahal even from this place."

All the students in the class started laughing at the remark.

In the end Champak Lal Mouse gave the correct answer, "Madam, the Taj Mahal is situated on the banks of the river Yamuna at Agra."

"Good, you will certainly



bring laurels to Haritvan when you grow up," complimented the teacher.

"Run ... run, Decoit Leopard has escaped from the prison. He can come here also. He is extremely dangerous and clever," Mr Bull, the milkman was shouting loudly.

The school kids were scared and they left their school and ran to their respective houses.

There was chaos in the market. Shopkeepers lowered their shop's shutters immediately. Everybody was running in all the directions for safety. Champak Lal too was thinking while running, 'Mother is all alone, I should reach home quickly.'

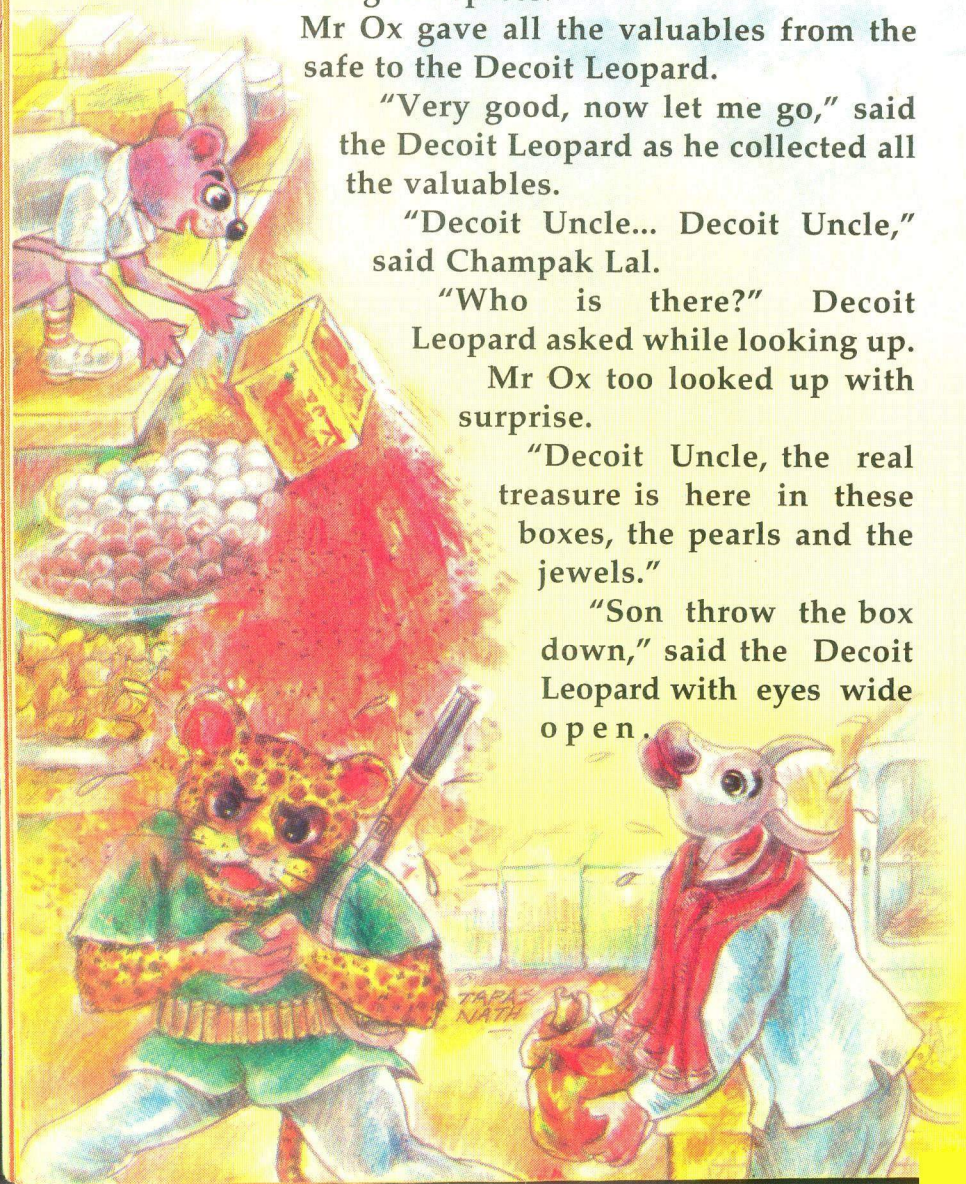
Suddenly, he saw the Decoit Leopard was threatening Mr Ox in his restaurant, "Open your safe and hand over all the cash and the jewellery. The police is after me. I have to escape to Singapore by boarding the afternoon flight."

"Mr Leopard, let me open the safe, everything is

yours," said the Ox who was shivering badly out of fear.

Champak Lal saw all this and thought, 'Nobody is coming forward to help Mr Ox. Something is needed to be done.

Champak Lal entered the restaurant through the window and climbed the high rack which had the boxes containing the spices.



Mr Ox gave all the valuables from the safe to the Decoit Leopard.

"Very good, now let me go," said the Decoit Leopard as he collected all the valuables.

"Decoit Uncle... Decoit Uncle," said Champak Lal.

"Who is there?" Decoit Leopard asked while looking up.

Mr Ox too looked up with surprise.

"Decoit Uncle, the real treasure is here in these boxes, the pearls and the jewels."

"Son throw the box down," said the Decoit Leopard with eyes wide open.

"I will give you 5 thousand rupees as a reward."

And Champak Lal poured the whole box containing chilli-powder which entered into the eyes, mouth and the ears of the Decoit Leopard.

"It is sheer cheating... you mouse. I will not leave you. My eyes are burning," the Decoit Leopard withered in pain.

Suddenly, Mr Ox poured hot oil on the Decoit Leopard. Leopard was now in a real trouble and bad shape.

The Decoit Leopard started running to save his life. The market was badly echoing with his shrills. He was also being stoned from all the directions.

The Leopard tumbled over on the road and in the meanwhile the police also arrived.

The Inspector Rhinoceros arrested the Leopard.

"Mr Ox, how this miracle had happened? We were least hopeful that this dreaded criminal will be arrested so soon."

"Inspector," Mr Ox brought Champak Lal before the Inspector and said, "this small kid has done all the wonder."

And he narrated everything to the Inspector.

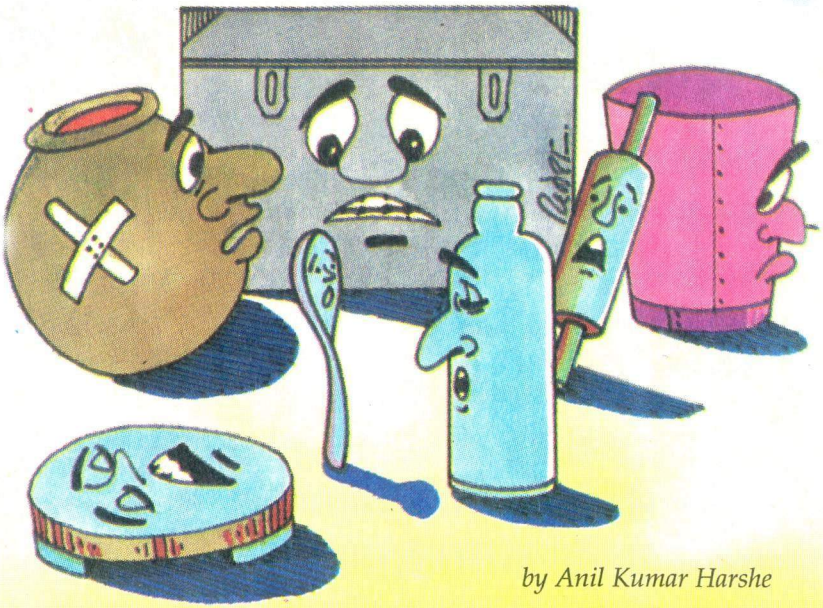
"Wonderful, you have used your presence of mind and helped us in arresting this dreaded criminal. You will be getting the reward of 10 thousand rupees from the government," the Inspector said to Champak Lal.

"And 5 thousand rupees from my side as the reward of your bravery," declared Mr OX. Meanwhile Champak Lal's classmates also came over.

"Hip... Hip...HurreyChampak Lal," all the classmates shouted in one voice. ●

Colour the picture.

Brave Umbrella



by Anil Kumar Harshe

BILLOO'S FATHER bought a new Umbrella. Then only Billoo's family members realised the benefits of an Umbrella. Gradually, every member in the family started liking the Umbrella.

Other articles in the house were very jealous of the Umbrella getting all the love. The Scissors, Locks, Knives, Pot and slippers were too jealous of new entrant in the family.

At night when the family members used to go

off to sleep, then the articles in the house used to start talking to one another.

The Cutter said to the Scissors, "Who is this black fellow who has come to the house?"

The Scissors said, "His name is Umbrella. Just watch how I am going to teach him a lesson."

The Scissors moved towards the Umbrella. She thought that she would cut his cloth into pieces.

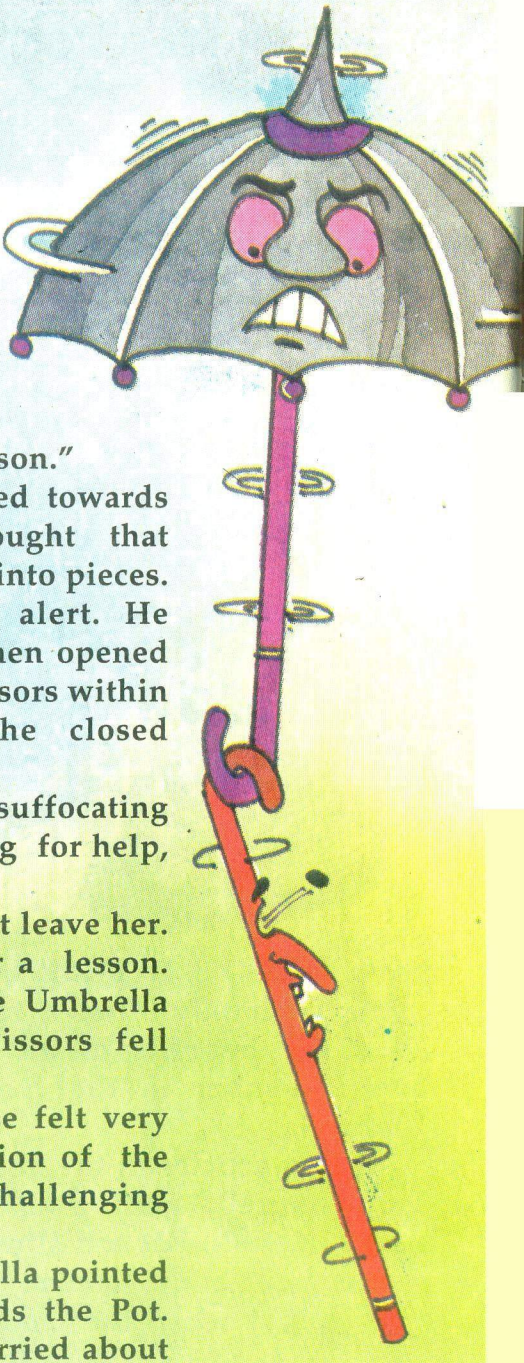
The Umbrella was alert. He moved backward and then opened up. He enclosed the Scissors within his fold and then he closed himself.

The Scissors felt suffocating and she started shouting for help, "Help...help."

The Umbrella did not leave her. He wanted to teach her a lesson. After a little while the Umbrella opened again. The Scissors fell down and was hurt.

The Pot in the house felt very angry to see the condition of the Scissors. He started challenging the Umbrella for a duel.

This time the Umbrella pointed his pointed end towards the Pot. He said, "If you are worried about



your own life, better run away, otherwise I will push my pointed end in your stomach."

The Pot was only pot-bellied. He was not at all strong enough and had to retreat.

The Gas Stove challenged the Umbrella, "Hey you Umbrella, will you take my challenge, I will burn you to death?"

The Stove started burning fast and moved towards the Umbrella. Others encouraged the Stove.

The Umbrella was already well-prepared. He opened up and then closed before the Stove. He repeated this action 3-4 times. As a result the strong wind flow was created which blew away the Stove.

Everybody was shocked at the defeat of the Stove. They had no clue how to let Umbrella down.

A few days later a new problem cropped up. Billoo's grandparents visited the family for a few days. The grandfather had brought his favourite walking-stick with him.

At night the Stick saw there was fairly nice conference of the articles in the house. She was finding it difficult to sleep; as there was a lot of noise taking place.

She said in a stern voice, "Why there is so much of noise? Neither you sleep nor allow others to sleep."

The Shoes tried to say something but they was thrashed nicely by the Stick. When the Water Bottle objected, she too got the bashing. Actually, the Stick was proud of being a Stick. To thrash others had become her second nature. Everybody was sick of the Stick's attitude towards them.

At night the Stick fell exhilerated at the comment passed by the Pot. She began moving towards the

Pot. The Umbrella was watching everything. He could not control himself. He stopped the Stick by entangling his handle in the Stick.

After stopping the Stick, the Umbrella opened up and started circling strongly. The Stick as such was entangled with the Umbrella, was also circling and suddenly she was thrown away. The Stick crashed into the wall, and she started moaning in pain.

Nobody had imagined that the Umbrella would be helping someone in trouble. The others were impressed with the Umbrella's bravery. They all were repenting for their past behaviour and they apologised to the Umbrella for their uncivilised attitude towards him.

Now everybody started loving the Umbrella and considered him to be their best friend. The Umbrella too was happy to find new friends. ●

HA! HA! HA!

Judge: **What is your age?**

Convict: **22 years.**

Judge: **That is what you have been telling us for the last 15 years.**

Convict: **Yes, Your Honour. I am not the one to say one thing today and another tomorrow.**

—Sandeep Singh, Dabwali.

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(Two friends Mayur and Amit talking to each other)

Amit: **How does Joshi madam teach us?**

Mayur (After a pause): **She teaches us very well, but we don't understand anything.**

—Avik Banerjee, Chandigarh.

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Without the help of scale, find out the highest shadow.
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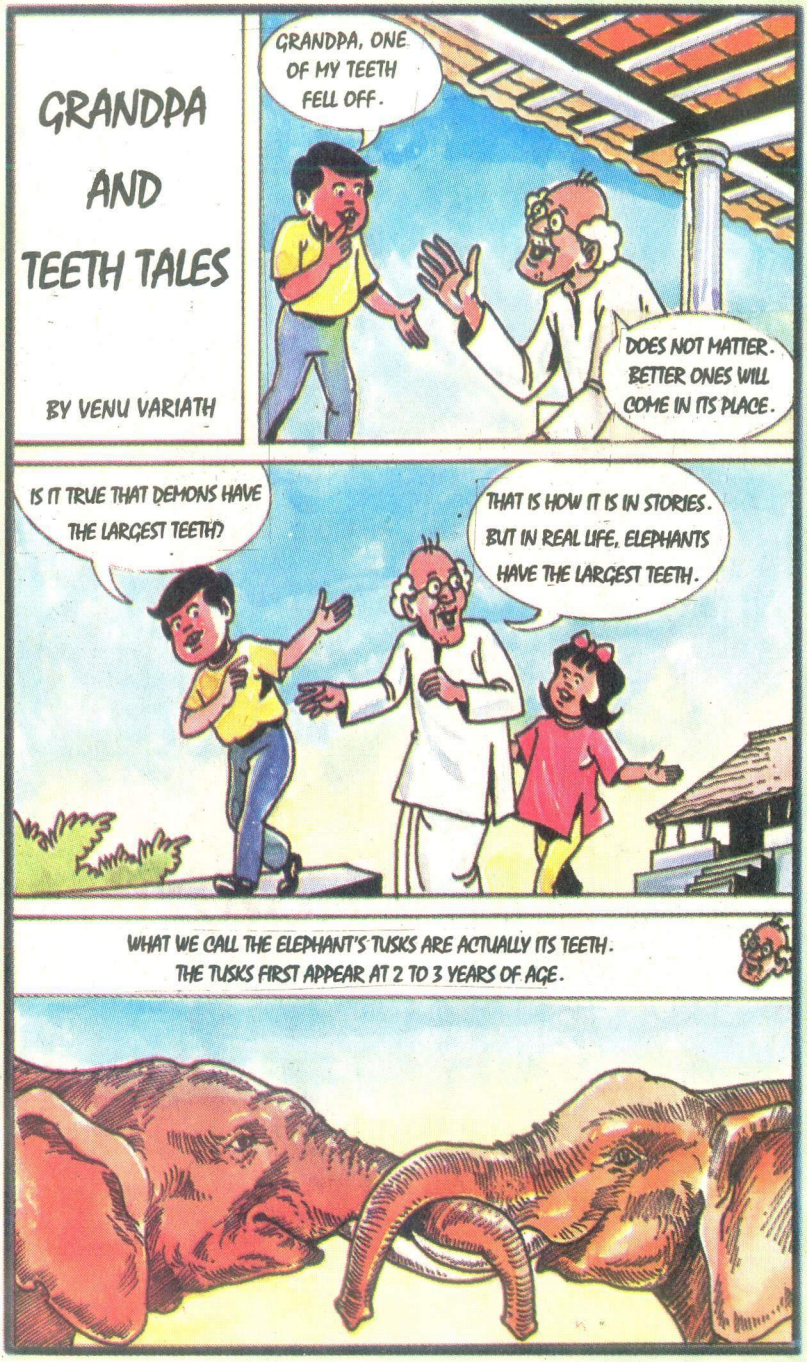
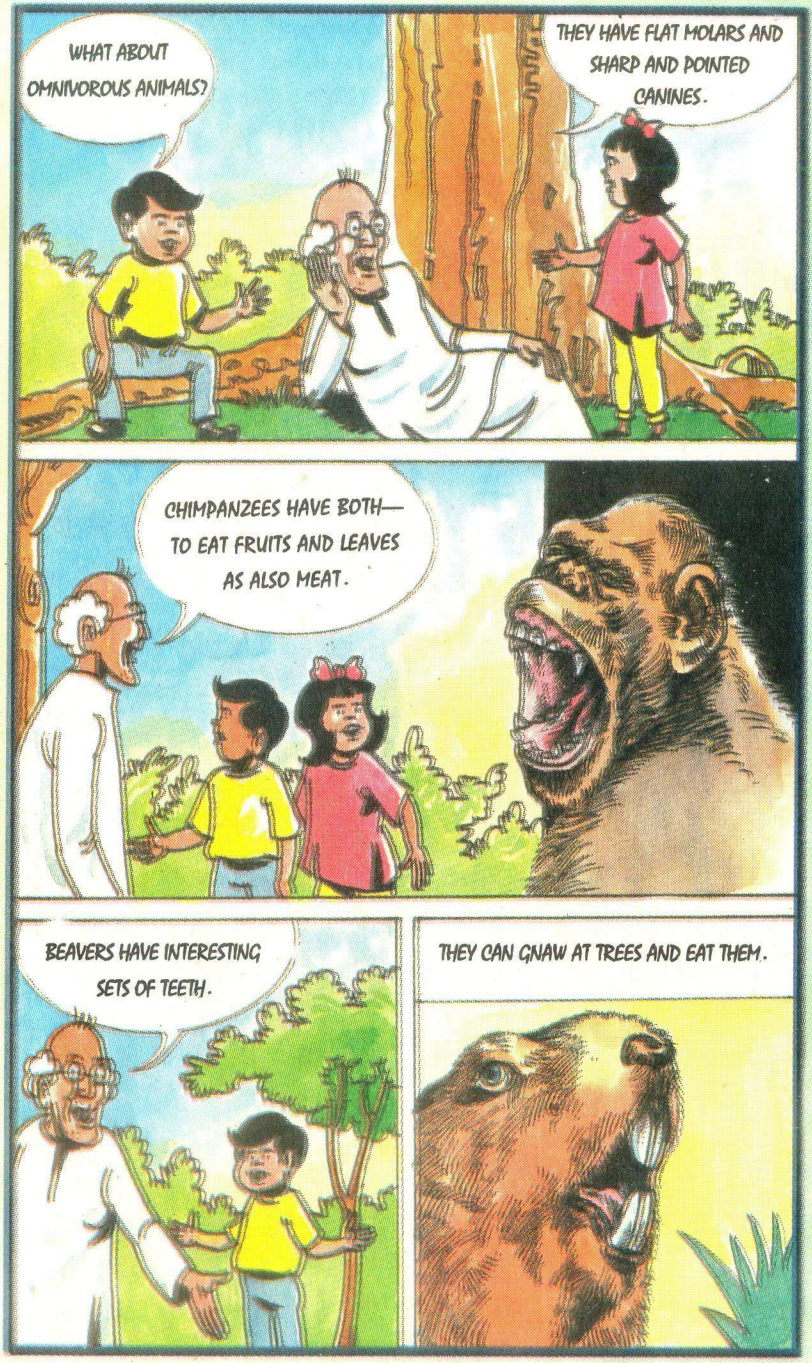
Ans: No. 3

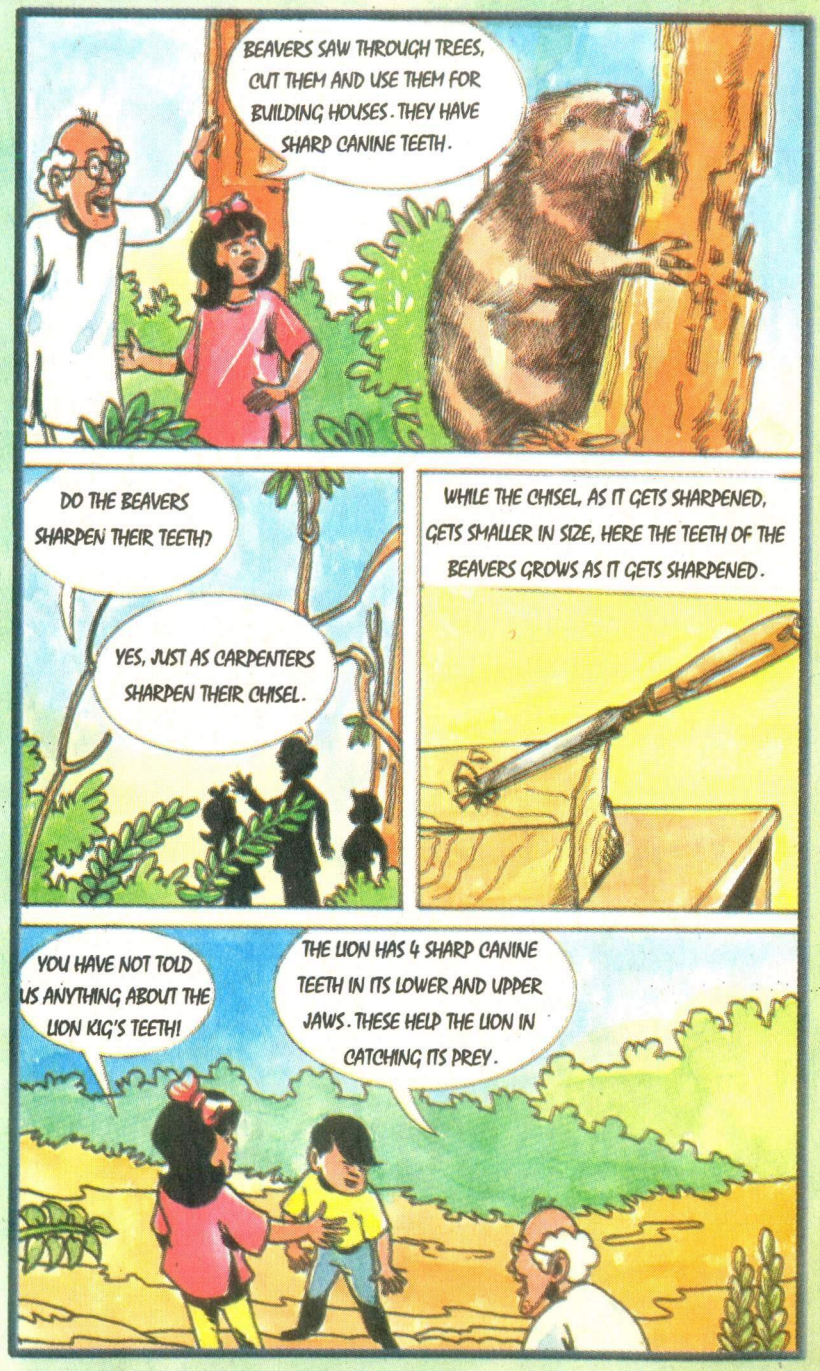
GRANDPA AND TEETH TALES

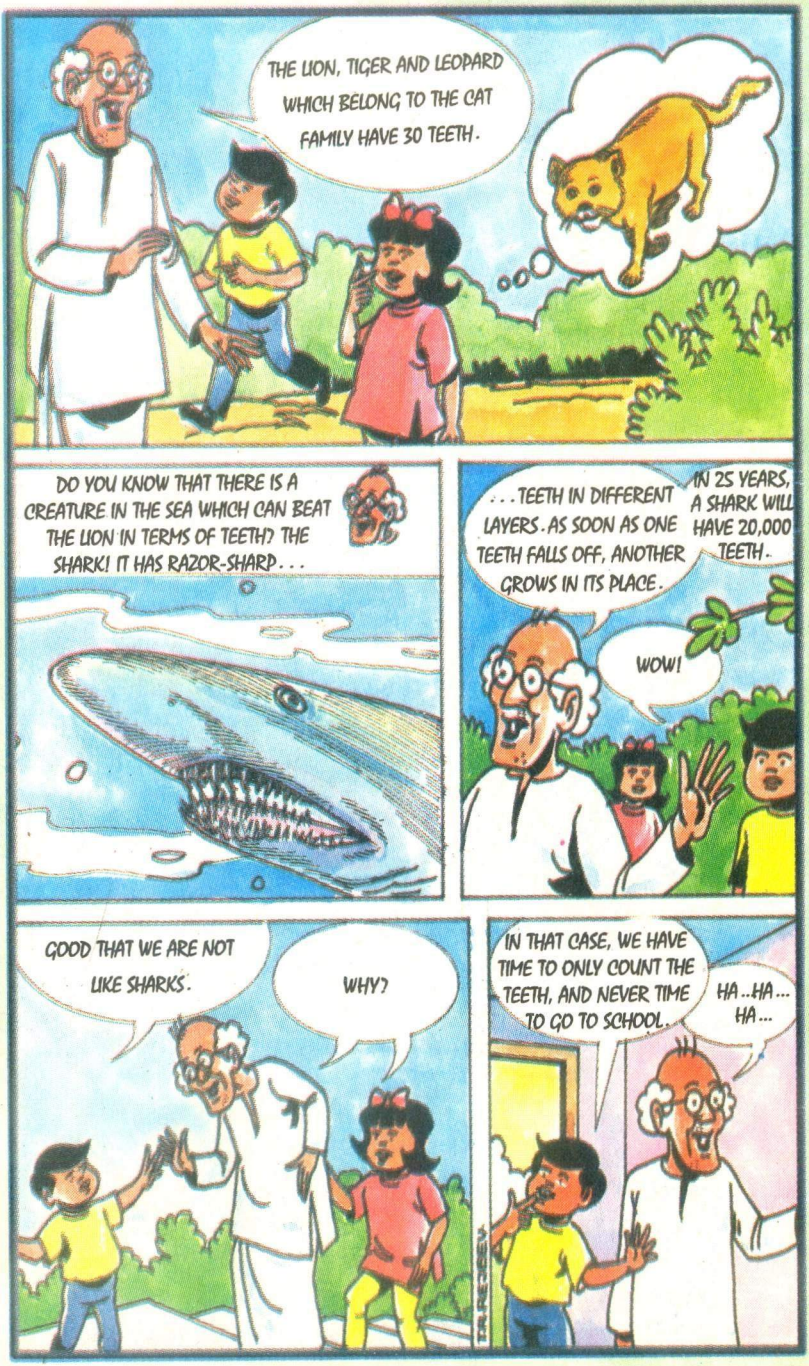
BY VENU VARIATH


GRANDPA, ONE OF MY TEETH FELL OFF.
DOES NOT MATTER. BETTER ONES WILL COME IN ITS PLACE.
IS IT TRUE THAT DEMONS HAVE THE LARGEST TEETH?
THAT IS HOW IT IS IN STORIES. BUT IN REAL LIFE, ELEPHANTS HAVE THE LARGEST TEETH.
WHAT WE CALL THE ELEPHANT'S TUSKS ARE ACTUALLY ITS TEETH. THE TUSKS FIRST APPEAR AT 2 TO 3 YEARS OF AGE.

OF WHAT USE ARE TUSKS FOR ELEPHANTS WHICH ARE STRICTLY VEGETARIAN?
ELEPHANTS USE THEIR TUSKS TO WARD OFF ENEMIES AND ALSO TO GREET OTHER ELEPHANTS WITH A WARM 'HELLO'.
IN TIMES OF DROUGHT IN THE FORESTS, ELEPHANTS USE THEIR TUSKS AS A PICKAXE TO DIG INTO THE GROUND.
ARE THERE OTHER ANIMALS WITH TUSKS?
OH, YES. WALRUS!
WALRUSES, ALSO KNOWN AS SEA-ELEPHANTS, USE THEIR TUSKS TO FIGHT THEIR ENEMIES OFF.
I HAVE HEARD HERBIVOROUS ANIMALS HAVE FLAT TEETH AND CARNIVOROUS HAVE SHARP TEETH.


WHAT ABOUT OMNIVOROUS ANIMALS?
THEY HAVE FLAT MOLARS AND SHARP AND POINTED CANINES.
CHIMPANZEES HAVE BOTH— TO EAT FRUITS AND LEAVES AS ALSO MEAT.
BEAVERS HAVE INTERESTING SETS OF TEETH.
THEY CAN GNAW AT TREES AND EAT THEM.


BEAVERS SAW THROUGH TREES, CUT THEM AND USE THEM FOR BUILDING HOUSES. THEY HAVE SHARP CANINE TEETH.
DO THE BEAVERS SHARPEN THEIR TEETH?
YES, JUST AS CARPENTERS SHARPEN THEIR CHISEL.
WHILE THE CHISEL, AS IT GETS SHARPENED, GETS SMALLER IN SIZE, HERE THE TEETH OF THE BEAVERS GROWS AS IT GETS SHARPENED.
YOU HAVE NOT TOLD US ANYTHING ABOUT THE LION KIG'S TEETH!
THE LION HAS 4 SHARP CANINE TEETH IN ITS LOWER AND UPPER JAWS. THESE HELP THE LION IN CATCHING ITS PREY.


THE LION, TIGER AND LEOPARD WHICH BELONG TO THE CAT FAMILY HAVE 30 TEETH.
DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A CREATURE IN THE SEA WHICH CAN BEAT THE LION IN TERMS OF TEETH? THE SHARK! IT HAS RAZOR-SHARP . . .
. . . TEETH IN DIFFERENT LAYERS. AS SOON AS ONE TEETH FALLS OFF, ANOTHER GROWS IN ITS PLACE.
IN 25 YEARS, A SHARK WILL HAVE 20,000 TEETH.
WOW!
GOOD THAT WE ARE NOT LIKE SHARKS.
WHY?
IN THAT CASE, WE HAVE TIME TO ONLY COUNT THE TEETH, AND NEVER TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL.
HA ..HA ... HA ...

Join the dots 1 to 71 and find out who is reading the book in Monty's house.

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Bunty's Bravery

by Lalita Aggarwal

BUNTY'S FATHER sat in the car for going to his office. Suddenly, Bunty came running.

"Papa, please send the computer engineer. I am stuck without the computer working properly," said Bunty.

"Okay son, I will send somebody to check your computer," said Bunty's Papa and he started the car.

A little later Bunty's mother had to visit out to attend to some work. She told Bunty that she will be back by afternoon.

Bunty was all alone in the house. To while away the time he

started ruffling through the magazines.

A little later the doorbell rang. Bunty answered the bell and found a stranger.

"Yes, how I can help you?" asked Bunty.

"I have been sent by your father to check your computer," replied the stranger.

"Come on in, let me show you my computer. It is getting hanged again and again since yesterday," said Bunty and ushered in the visitors into his house.

Suddenly, Bunty looked at the watch and felt surprised.

'Papa had left only half an hour back, and he normally takes one hour to reach to his office. How come Papa has sent somebody to check my computer before reaching to his office? Maybe he is not a right person or he might be a thief,' Bunty was thinking double time.

To clear his doubts, Bunty asked the visitor, "Uncle, do you work at my father's office?"

"Yes, I do work at his office," said the visitor.

Suddenly, they heard a car stopping outside the house.

"Somebody is there," said Bunty and the visitor appeared to be scared.

Bunty guessed something is fishy. He went to the other room and quietly talked to his father over the cellphone; "Papa, have you sent someone to check the computer?"

"Good that you have reminded me. I will be sending him soon," replied Bunty's father.

Bunty quickly apprised him of the situation in short.

He then returned to his computer room.

"Uncle, what do you want?" Bunty asked the stranger who was searching the drawer.

"Oh, where had you been? I was looking for a screwdriver," replied the stranger.

"The screwdriver is in the drawer of the other table. Please take it," said Bunty while pointing towards the other table in the corner.

Bunty then quickly went out of the room and put the latch.

"Why have you closed the door? It is very hot," said the stranger from the room.

"Uncle, you will have to wait for a while. The police will shortly open the door for you," Bunty

said laughingly.

"Hello Uncle, I am Ajay's son on this side. A thief has entered in our house. I have locked him up in the room. Please come fast," Bunty informed the Police Inspector over phone.

"Don't get scared, your father already informed us about the intruder in your house. My constables must be reaching any time," informed the Inspector and Bunty heaved a sigh of relief.

Bunty came out of the house to the main gate.

Suddenly, the police jeep stopped in front of the house followed by his Papa in his car and then only Bunty felt relieved.

Bunty's Papa and the police came to the room where the stranger was locked. The police arrested the intruder.

He confessed to the police that he had entered the house with a motive to rob the house.

In the morning the intruder had overheard Bunty and his Papa talking about the computer engineer. So he planned an easy way to enter the house.

He was least prepared that such a small child would realise his true intentions.

"You don't know my son, he is capable of teaching a lesson even to the elders," said Bunty's Papa proudly.

The police also admired young Bunty for his bravery.

Bunty's mother too returned home and was shocked to see the police in the house.

When she came to know of the entire matter, she hugged her son lovingly and said, "My brave Bunty." ●

ONE EVENING all the children of Champakvan were playing football in the park. Suddenly, a mad dog came over and started chasing children.

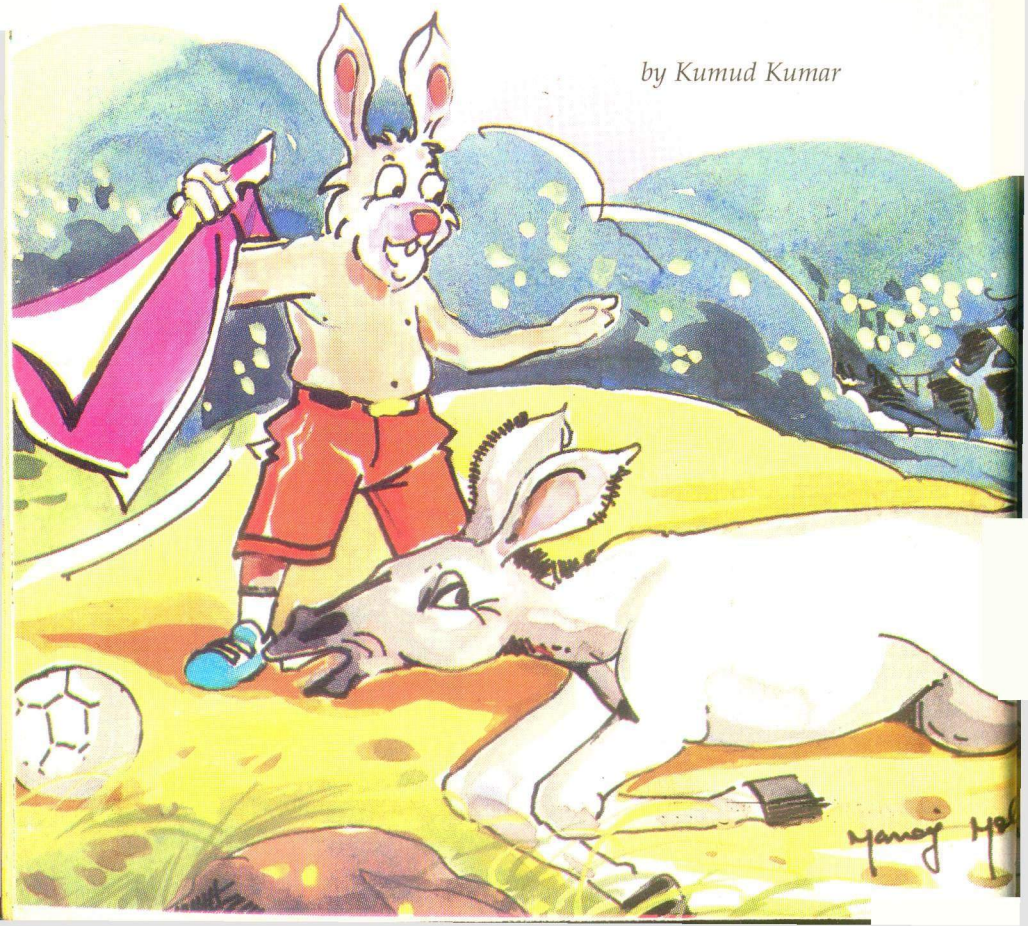
The children got scared and started running in all directions.

The mad dog chased Danny Donkey. Danny ran at the top speed but he tumbled after hitting a rock. The mad dog dug his teeth in his leg.

Meeku Rabbit and other friends were watching everything.

Meeku's Presence of Mind

by Kumud Kumar



But nobody was able to gather enough courage to save Danny.

Suddenly, Meeku Rabbit thought of a trick. He quickly removed his shirt and ran towards Danny Donkey and the mad dog.

He waved his shirt to the mad dog and then he threw his shirt at the mad dog.

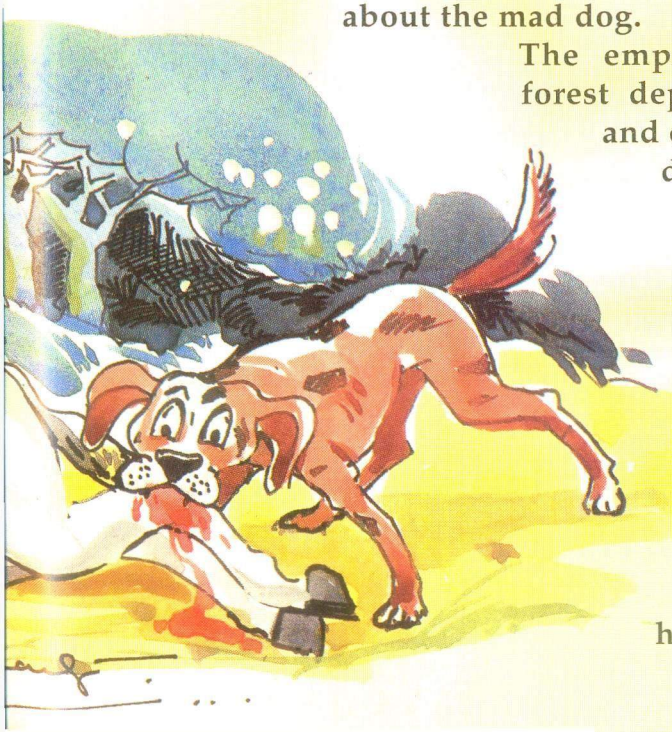
The mad dog ran and grabbed the shirt in his mouth. He started tearing the shirt with his teeth and paws.

Meeku then gestured at other kids. They took away Danny to the safety.

Meeku called the doctor over his mobile phone. He also informed Danny's parents over his mobile phone.

Everybody came over quickly and praised Meeku Rabbit for his bravery.

The doctor also informed the forest department about the mad dog.



The employees of the forest department came and caught the mad dog.

All the children became happy that the mad dog was caught and they had nothing to fear about him. ●

RIGHT AND WRONG

BY VENU VARIATH

ONCE A HUNGRY FOX WAS WANDERING ABOUT IN THE FOREST IN SEARCH OF FOOD.
I WILL DIE OF MY HUNGER TODAY.
AFTER HE HAD WALKED FOR SOME TIME, HE SAW A SHEPHERD'S HUT AT A DISTANCE.
THAT IS GOOD! BUT WHERE ARE ALL THE SHEEP AND THE SHEPHERD?
VERY STRANGE! NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT.
WOW! VERY TASTY.
WONDERFUL!
WHAT?
Oooo

I HAVE NOT TASTED SUCH FINE MUTTON BEFORE.
ME TOO...
THEY ARE HAVING MUTTON...
STRANGE ARE THE WAYS OF THE WORLD. IF I EAT A SHEEP OR A LAMB THAT IS WRONG.
HOW DISGUSTING. THERE IS NO END TO COMMITTING ANY CRIME IF YOU THINK IT IS RIGHT...
..BUT WHEN OTHERS DO THE SAME, IT IS A SHAMEFUL CRIME!
WOW! HAVE ONE MORE PIECE.
THE FOX DID NOT REMAIN THERE A SECOND. HE TOOK TO HIS HEELS.

It is Funtime

Book-seller: **If you buy this mathematics book, you are sure to score 50 marks from the 100 marks maths paper.**

Student: **Then give me 2 copies of the same book.**

—Jitesh, Delhi.

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Teacher: **Sonu, if your attendance is below the mark, you will not be allowed to sit for the examination.**

Sonu: **That is fine, Madam. I will give my examination while standing.**

—Divya, Ulhaspur.

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Ist boy: **What is the difference between a stupid boy and an intelligent one?**

2nd boy: **It is simple. A stupid boy is standing in front of me, while an intelligent boy is standing in front of you.**

— Amit, Dehra Dun.

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Passenger (to luggage bearer): **Listen fellow, make me sit in that compartment where there are no passengers to disturb me.**

Luggage bearer: **Very well, sir. I will then be taking you to the goods train compartment.**

—Shalu, Delhi.

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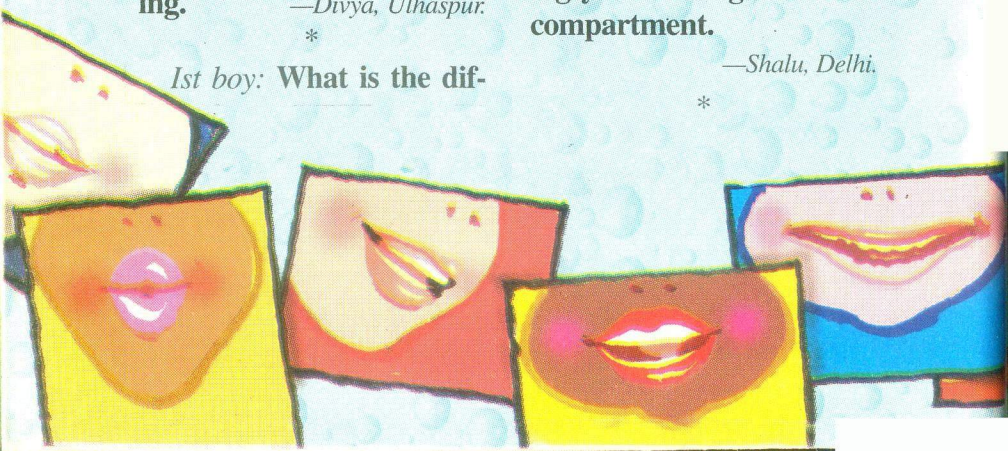

Son: **Father, today teacher asked a question in class and I was the only student who answered it.**

Father: **Really! What was the question?**

Son: **Who broke the window-panes?**

Father: **And what did you answer?**

Son: **That I did it.**

—Susheel, Patna.

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Sports teacher: **You do not wash your mouth after eating anything. I can look at your teeth and tell you what you have had as breakfast.**

Student: **Then tell me, sir.**

Sports teacher: **Today, you had eaten curd.**

Student: **Wrong sir. That was yesterday's breakfast.**

—Isha, Mumbai.

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Father: **Son, you resemble an owl.**

Son: **Yes Father, even my friends say so. They say that I really resemble you.**

— Rahul, Gauhati.

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Teacher: **Which is more beneficial — sun or moon?**

Student: **Sir, the moon.**

Teacher: **Why?**

Student: **Sir, the sun gives us light during daytime when we least require light. Whereas the moon gives us light during night when there is darkness all around.**

— Manisha, Bangalore.

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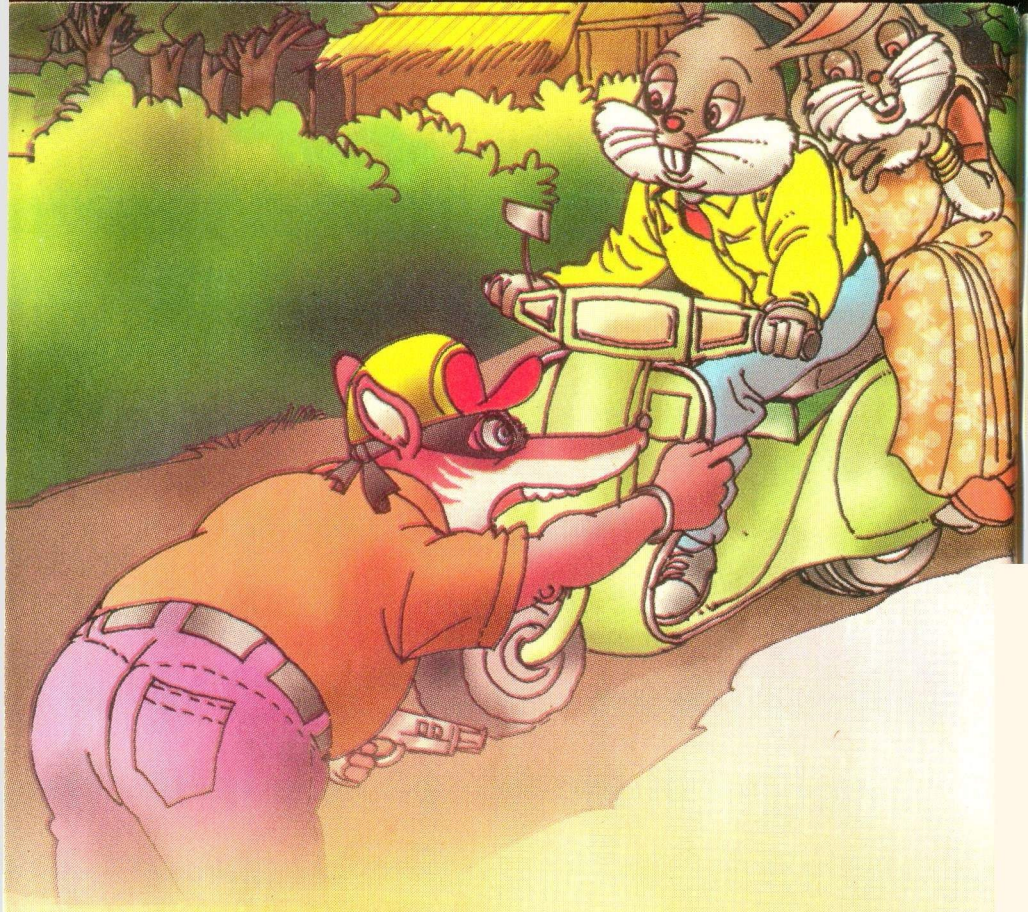


The Robber Sage

by Anil Satija

A SECTION of the jungle was infested with decoits and robbers. For the past few days Furdy Fox had turned into a sage. He had become famous as Saint Furdy. His hut was away across the borders of Champakvan and Nandanvan.

Saint Furdy never talked to anybody. From morning to evening he used to sit in

meditation on a hillock in front of his hut.

The onlookers used to have an impression as if Furdy was least bothered and oblivious of the world outside. By the fall of the evening Saint Furdy used to lock himself in his hut. Furdy's hut created a lot of hustle and bustle in the area. But the incidences of lootings and robberies were rising everyday.

Gradually, the devotees of the Saint Furdy swelled in number. The animals used to make a beeline and waited for long hours to seek his blessings.

They used to bring a lot of offerings for Saint Furdy.

Champu Rabbit was on his way at midnight. He was with his family, his wife and his children. His wife was decked up with a lot of ornaments.

Suddenly, a masked robber came in Champu's way.

Champu was forced to stop his scooter. The robber had a gun in his hand.

"Look, I do not kill anybody for the sake of killing. Quietly hand over all your cash and ornaments and get going; otherwise I will be forced to shoot at you," the robber threatened Champu and his family.

Champu and his wife gave away all their valuables.

The robber picked up his loot and vanished in the bushes.

Inspector Bhalu Ram was a worried man because of growing crime in his area.

'God knows which new robber has born in the jungle. Let me seek Saint Furdy's blessings. Maybe

I will be able to nab the robber and my promotion will then be confirmed,' thought Bhalu Ram.

He too was a devotee of Furdy.

The next evening Jumbo Elephant was passing through the same way. He was carrying a briefcase full of cash.

As it grew dark, suddenly a robber came in front of him.

"Hand over your briefcase otherwise I will shoot you down," the robber threatened.

"Okay," said Jumbo and he started coming near the robber.

Suddenly, Jumbo hit the robber with his briefcase and made him unconscious. Jumbo then ran to save his life.

Nearby Bittoo Deer had his roadside hotel. As a matter of luck Bhalu Ram was having his tea at the hotel.

Jumbo told him about the incident happened with him a few minutes back.

Bhalu Ram rushed with Jumbo like a bullet to site of the crime.

"The robber is not here. Maybe he has run away despite being injured," said Bhalu Ram.

"With serious injury, I feel escaping is not easy for the robber. Maybe he is hiding nearby. But there is no place here for him to hide," said Jumbo.

Suddenly, Bhalu Ram thought of Furdy's hut.

"Follow me fast. Maybe the robber is hiding in Furdy's hut. If so then Saint Furdy's life too is in danger," said Bhalu Ram.

Both of them came running towards Furdy's hut. Bhalu Ram gave a strong kick and fell the door of the hut.

They were surprised to see the scene inside the hut. The robber was nursing his wounds before the mirror. Bhalu Ram and Jumbo held the robber from the back.

"Tell me what you have done to Saint Furdy? Tell me where he is?" Bhalu Ram threatened stiffly.

"Ha...Ha...Ha..," the robber laughed.

Suddenly, Bhalu Ram looked at the false beard and coloured dress on the hanger normally worn by the sages.

"Now do you understand, I am the same sage to whom you came to seek blessings?" said Furdy.

Police force also arrived at the spot and arrested Furdy. On searching they recovered all the stolen cash and valuables. ●

by Rajeev Saxena

Brave Blacky

A RIVER flew near Champakvan. Blacky Bear was often seen swimming in the cold river water, as he was a good swimmer.

Teenu Fox was also fond of swimming but he was not as expert as Blacky. But he was very proud of his swimming potential.

One day while swimming Teenu saw Blacky. He said, "Come Blacky, let us have swimming competition. Let it be decided who is the better swimmer between us."

For the past few days a crocodile had come to the

river. The animals of Champakvan knew nothing about the new creature in the water.

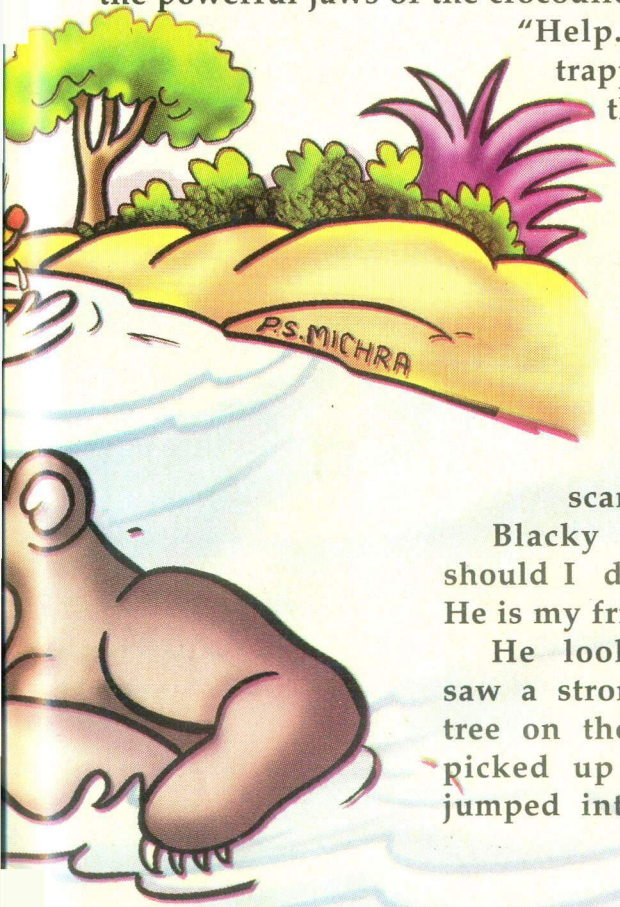
Teenu Fox was instigating Blacky for swimming competition.

The crocodile suddenly came swimming behind them. Blacky, who was standing at the river bank, saw the crocodile.

He shouted loudly, "Watch out Teenu, the crocodile is behind you."

Poor Teenu tried to swim to the river bank to save his life. But before Teenu could react, the crocodile grabbed Teenu's leg in his powerful jaws.

Now it was impossible for Teenu to get rid of the powerful jaws of the crocodile.



"Help...Help," Teenu trapped in the jaws of the crocodile, was shouting constantly for the help.

Teenu had no idea how to get out of the crocodile's jaws.

Teenu was scared badly.

Blacky thought, 'What should I do to save Teenu. He is my friend.'

He looked around and saw a strong branch of the tree on the ground. Blacky picked up the branch and jumped into the river.

Blacky moved forward and attacked the crocodile with branch in his hands. He started thrashing the crocodile.

The crocodile got scared due to sudden attack and he opened his mouth. Teenu's leg was released free out of the crocodile's hold. Teenu then swam to the river bank to safety.

The crocodile was ferocious and moved towards Blacky with his mouth wide open.

Blacky inserted the branch in the crocodile's mouth and he himself swam to the river bank. The crocodile kept watching Blacky and Teenu.

Teenu said to Blacky, "Thanks friend, had you not been here today, I would not have been saved from the crocodile.

"The reality is, indeed you are a better swimmer. I was unnecessarily trying to compete with you."

King Sher Singh too awarded a lot of prizes to Blacky for saving Teenu's life from the crocodile.

Teenu applauded the most at the award ceremony. Blacky was too delighted to be honoured. ●

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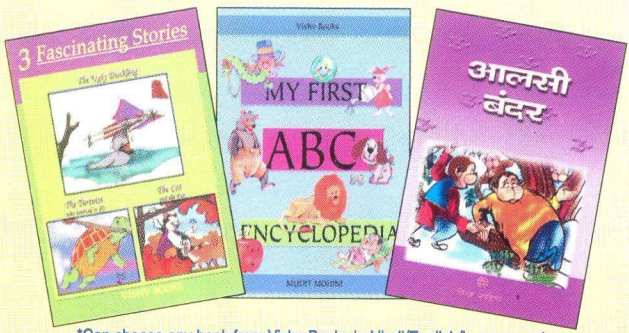

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